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August 1980 Consolidation

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A CONSOLIDATED COPY OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE HALTON PLANNING AREA AS MODIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF HOUSING ON AUGUST 1, 1980.

This consolidation is prepared for purposes of convenience only, and for accurate reference recourse should be had to the official copy in the Regional Clerk's Office.

OFFICIAL PLAN

FOR THE

HALTON PLANNING AREA

This Official Plan for the Halton Planning Area, which has been adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Halton, is hereby modified under the provisions of section 14 of The Planning Act as follows:

(The text of the 27 modifications is omitted here as they have already been incorporated into this consolidated version of the Regional Plan.)

As thus modified, this Official Plan is hereby approved pursuant to section 14 of The Planning Act, save and except:

(Page numbers in the following text have been changed to correspond with this consolidated version of the Regional Plan.)

A. The following, including parts of certain aforementioned modifications, which will be referred to the Ontario Municipal Board pursuant to section 15(1) of The Planning Act:

1. Subsections 1 to 5 inclusive, 7, 9 and 10 of Part III D 3, Solid Waste Management, on pages *40* and *41*, as they apply to the entire Planning Area.

2. a. The designation of the lands labelled R1 on Maps 1, 4, 5, and 6 and on Figure 7.

   b. The following sections, as they apply to the lands labelled R1:

      i) the Table of Contents on pages *3* and *4*.

      ii) in Part I, section 1, Forward, on page *5*, and section 9, Interpretation, on pages *9* and *10*.

      iii) all of Parts II, III, IV and V, on pages *11* to *67* inclusive, with the exception of Map 1, after page *22*, which is addressed above in referral 2a, and with the exception of Maps 2 and 3, after pages *34* and *36*

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respectively.

iv) in Part VI, sections 7, 8, 20, 21, 27 and 30, on pages 69, 70 and 71.

3. a. The designation of the lands labelled R2 on Maps 1, 4 and 6 and on Figure 7.

b. The designation of the lands labelled R3 on Maps 1, 4 and 5 and on Figure 7.

c. The designation of the lands labelled R4 on Maps 1, 4, 5 and 6 and on Figure 7.

d. The following sections as they apply to the lands labelled R2, R3 and R4:

i) in Part I, under section 9, Interpretation, the section titled Resource Management Policies, on page 10.

ii) in Part II, section 3 D, Objectives 2 and 4, on page 13; section E, Goal 1 and Objectives 1 to 3 inclusive and 6 to 9 inclusive, on pages 13 and 14; section G, Objective 2, on page 14; and section H, Goal 1 and Objectives 1 to 5 inclusive and 8, on page 15.

iii) in Part III, section B 2, on pages 24 and 25.

iv) in Part IV, section A 3 b, i and j, on page 44; sections B 2 c, d, g, h and i, on page 47; sections C 2 b (i) and (ii), c, d and e, 3 b and c, 4 a to f inclusive and h to k inclusive, 5 d, and 6, on pages 48, 49, 50 and 51; sections F 2 and 3, on page 53; sections G 1 to 5 inclusive, on pages 55 and 56; and sections H 1 a and b, 3 to 7 inclusive, and 10, on pages 57 and 58.

v) in Part V, section D, on pages 62 and 63.

4. a. The designation of the lands labelled R5 on Maps 1, 5 and 6 and on Figure 7.

b. The following sections as

they apply to the lands labelled R5:

i) in Part I, under section 9, Interpretation, the section titled Resource Management Policies, on page *10*.

ii) in Part II, sections 3 E and F, on pages *13* and *14*.

iii) in Part III, section B 4, on pages *28* and *29*.

iv) in Part IV, section B 2 c to i inclusive, on page *47*; section G, on pages *55*, *56* and *57*; and section H, on pages *57*, *58* and *59*.

v) in Part V, sections D and E, on pages *62*, *63* and *64*.

vi) in Part VI, sections 8, 20 and 36, on pages *69*, *70* and *72*.

5. a. The designation of the lands labelled R6 on Maps 1, 4 and 6 and on Figure 7.

b. The following sections as they apply to the lands labelled R6:

i) in Part III, section A 2 b (ii), on page *22*, and section B 2, on pages *24* and *25*.

ii) in Part IV, sections B 2 f and 4, on pages *47* and *48*; section C 3, on pages *49* and *50*; and sections G 1 a and 3, on pages *55* and *56*.

6. a. The designation of the lands labelled R7 on Map 1.

b. The following sections as they apply to the lands labelled R7:

i) in Part II, section 3 D, Objectives 2, 3 and 5, on page *13*.

ii) in Part III, section B 2 e, on page *25*, and 3 c, e (iii), (v), (vii) and (viii), on pages *25* and *26*.

iii) in Part IV, sections A 2, 3 a to d inclusive and j (iii), and 8 a (iii), on pages *43*, *44* and *46*.

iv) in Part VI, sections 5 and 11a, on pages *69* and *70*.

7. The designation of the lands labelled R9 on Maps 1 and 4.

8. The designation of the lands labelled R10 on Map 1.

9. In Part III, section B 3 f (i), on page *26*, as it applies to the lands labelled R11 on Map 1.

10. The designation of the lands labelled R12 on Maps 1 and 4.

11. a. The designation of the lands labelled R13 on Map 1.

    b. The following sections as they apply to the lands labelled R13:

    i) Part III B 3, on pages *25*, *26*, *27* and *28*.

    ii) Part VI 34, on page *72*.

12. In Part III, sections A 2 b (ii), on page *22*, B 2 c and d, and B 3 c and f (ii), on pages *24*, *25* and *26*, as they apply to the lands labelled R14 on Map 1.

13. a. The designation of the lands labelled R15 on Map 1.

    b. The following sections as they apply to the lands labelled R15:

    i) Part II 3 D, on page *13*.

    ii) Part III B 2, on pages *24* and *25*.

    iii) Part IV A 3 j, on page *44*.

    iv) Part VI 3 and 22, on pages *69* and *70*.

14. Part IV A, on pages *43*, *44*, *45* and *46*, as it applies to the lands labelled R16, R17 and R18 on Map 1.

15. a. The designation of the lands labelled R8 on Map 1.

    b. Part III A 2 b, on page *22*, as it applies to the lands labelled R8.

16. a. The designation of the lands labelled R19 on Map 1.

    b. Part III A 2 b, on page *22*, as it applies to the lands labelled R19.

B. The following, including parts of certain aforementioned modifications, which will be deferred for further consideration pursuant to section 14(3) of the Planning Act:

1. a. The designation of the lands labelled D17 on Map 1.

   b. Part III B 3 g, on page 27, as it applies to the lands labelled D17.

2. a. The designation of the lands labelled D1 on Maps 1 4 and 6, and on Figure 7.

   b. The following part of Part IV C 4 g, on page 50:

   "in effect as of September 1, 1978, except as otherwise limited by Milton By-law 58-76, as it then existed."

   c. Part IV C 4 c, on page 50, as it applies to the lands labelled D1.

   d. Part IV C 4 j, on page 51.

3. The designation of the lands labelled D2, on Maps 1, 4 and 5, and on Figure 7.

4. a. The designation of the lands labelled D3 on Map 1.

   b. The designation of the lands labelled D4 on Map 1.

5. a. The designation of the lands labelled D5 on Map 1.

   b. The designation of the lands labelled D6 on Map 1.

   c. The designation of the lands labelled D7 on Map 1.

   d. The designation of the lands labelled D8 on Map 1.

   e. The designation of the lands labelled D9 on Map 1.

   f. The designation of the lands labelled D10 on Map 1.

   g. The following sections as they apply to the lands labelled D5 to D10 inclusive:

      i) Part III A 2 c (i), on page 22, as it applies to Georgetown's portion of the Region's total population figures for the years 1986 and 2001.

      ii) The bars on Figure 4, on page 23, applying to Georgetown's portion of the Halton Hills' population and

employment figures for the years 1986 and 2001.

iii) Part III C 1 a, on pages 29 and 30, as it applies to Georgetown's portion of Halton Hills' and the Region's population figures for the years 1986 and 2001, in Tables 1A and 1B.

iv) Part III C 2 a, on pages 30 and 31, as it applies to Georgetown's portion of Halton Hills' and the Region's employment figures for the years 1986 and 2001, in Table 3.

v) In Part III D 2 16, on page 40, the figure for the Georgetown plant.

h. Part IV G 1 a, on pages 55 and 56, as it applies to the lands labelled D7.

6. a. The designation of the lands labelled D11 on Map 1.

b. The designation of the lands labelled D12 on Map 1.

c. The designation of the lands labelled D13 on Maps 1 and 4.

d. The designation of the lands labelled D14 on Map 1.

e. The designation of the lands labelled D15 on Map 1.

f. The designation of the lands labelled D16 on Map 1.

g. The following sections as they apply to the lands labelled D11 to D16 inclusive:

i) Part III A 2 c (i), on page 22, as it applies to Acton's portion of the Region's total population figures for the years 1986 and 2001.

ii) The bars on Figure 4, on page 23, applying to Acton's portion of the Halton Hills' population and employment figures for the years 1986 and 2001.

iii) Part III C 1 a, on pages 29 and 30, as it applies to Acton's

portion of Halton Hills' and the Region's population figures for the years 1986 and 2001, in Tables 1A and 1B.

iv) Part III C 2 a, on pages *30* and *31*, as it applies to Acton's portion of Halton Hills' and the Region's employment figures for the years 1986 and 2001, in Table 3.

v) In Part III D 2 16, on page *40*, the figure for the Acton plant.

August 1, 1980

Claude Bennett

MINISTER OF HOUSING

(The above referrals and deferrals are indicated in the consolidated version of the Regional Plan by notations such as:

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which means that the part denoted by this notation has been referred/deferred according to section A 2 b (iii) described above as it applies to the lands labelled R1.)

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF HALTON

BY-LAW NO. 69-78

A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON AND THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE HALTON PLANNING AREA

WHEREAS Section 55 (2) of The Regional Municipality of Halton Act, 1973, S.O. 1973, c.70, requires that the Regional Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton prepare and adopt an Official Plan for the Regional Area of The Regional Municipality of Halton known as the Halton Planning Area;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Council by the passage of this by-law now intends to comply with the said Section 55 (2);

AND WHEREAS in addition to the adoption of the Official Plan for the Regional Area this Council by the passage of this by-law desires to establish certain Regional Policies with respect to certain matters and concerns which, while same are to be formal Regional Policy in regard to those matters and concerns, they are not to be part of the Regional Official Plan;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the attached document inclusive of text, maps, tables and figures in Schedule "A" hereto which Schedule is made a part hereof be and the same are all hereby adopted as the Regional Plan for The Regional Municipality of Halton.

2. THAT with the exception of Parts IIJ, IIID4, VII and VIII the attached document be and the same is hereby adopted as the Official Plan for the Regional Area of The Regional Municipality of Halton.

3. THAT the Regional Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward to the Minister of Housing of the Province of Ontario the Regional Plan adopted hereby and to make application to the said Minister for approval of the Official Plan for the Regional Area of The Regional Municipality of Halton.

4. THAT this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the day it is passed.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 16th day of August, 1978.

R. B. Morrow
REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

Garfield Brown
REGIONAL CLERK

READ a THIRD time, AMENDED and PASSED this 6th day of September, 1978.

R. B. Morrow
REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

Garfield Brown
REGIONAL CLERK

(Item 2 of this By-law refers to parts of the original version of the Regional Plan and not to this consolidated version.)

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1. FOREWORD

This Regional Plan deals with the major concerns of The Regional Municipality of Halton. It combines policy planning and physical planning on a very broad front.

This Plan outlines the Municipality's goals and objectives, describes a Regional Concept for development, states the policies to be followed and outlines the means for carrying out the policies.

These policies indicate positions to which the Regional Council is committed. They also describe processes to be followed in arriving at decisions, changes to be sought in provincial legislation and modifications to be required in previous policies of Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills.

For the purpose of The Planning Act and The Regional Municipality of Halton Act, 1973, this Plan, with the exception of the Appendix, shall be considered the Official Plan of The Regional Municipality of Halton.

2. PURPOSE

This Plan is adopted by the Regional Council to solidify decisions taken in the past and to give clear direction as to how Regional resources will be devoted to meet the needs of Halton residents during the balance of the 20th Century. It is also intended to reflect their collective aims and aspirations, as to the character of the landscape and the quality of life to be preserved and fostered within Halton.

3. APPROACH

The approach used in the preparation of this Plan was one of identifying issues, formalizing goals and objectives, collecting and analyzing data, advancing, and then evaluating, alternative growth possibilities, consulting with the public and those with special knowledge about the subjects of this Plan, formulating policies and, finally, analyzing policies and describing generally how they will be carried out.

The major steps taken are outlined below:

1974—Data collection, review of existing Official Plans, preparation of Interim Planning Policies.

1975—Analyses, forecasts, adoption of Interim Planning Policies, commencement of Transportation Study.

1976—Public consultation on issues, development of, public consultation on and adoption of Goals & Objectives, commencement of Housing and Jobs study.

1977—Public consultation on alternative development concepts, evaluation, selection of a preferred concept, commencement of a regional Sewerage and Water plan, completion of Housing and Transportation Studies, preparation of policies and first draft of Plan.

1978—Distribution of and public consultation on draft Plan, review and analysis of responses from publics and governments, preparation of final version of Plan.

4. USES

This Plan will be used, subject to subsection 6 below:

a) By the Regional Council as the basis for decisions and actions on municipal projects, facilities and programs, on proposals submitted for approval and in the formulation of recommendations to the Provincial and Federal governments,

b) By the four Area Municipalities in the preparation of their own plans and amendments,

c) By other government agencies and departments in preparing plans and programs affecting Halton, and

d) By business and industry and by private citizens in considering and preparing their own plans and programs.

5. LEGAL STATUS

The official portion of this Plan has been prepared and adopted pursuant to The Regional Municipality of Halton Act, 1973, and The Planning Act. These provide, among other things, that no public work be undertaken and no bylaw passed which does not conform to the Regional Official Plan and, furthermore, that all Official Plans and zoning by-laws of the Area Municipalities be amended to conform.

6. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

This Plan will be reviewed and amended as required to meet the changing needs of the people of Halton, and to reflect responses prompted by new issues and information.

Once approved by the Province, the Official Plan can be amended by Council on its own initiative, or in response to an application by an individual or an Area Council.

If Council adopts the amendment, it will be sent to the Provincial Minister for approval. He may approve it or refer it for disposition to the Ontario Municipal Board, whose approval or rejection may be appealed to the Cabinet.

An unsuccessful applicant for amendment, or a party objecting to an adopted amendment, may also request the matter be dealt with by the Ontario Municipal Board.

7. HALTON AND CENTRAL ONTARIO

The sound framework which this Plan must provide for making decisions about the future requires consideration of the Planning Area as a part of a larger physical,

social and economic entity, Central Ontario. The issues that face Halton result from forces over which the Region may have little control. Particular attention therefore is paid to inter-regional-issues and forces affecting Central Ontario in an effort to apply the Region's resources to those matters over which it does have some control.

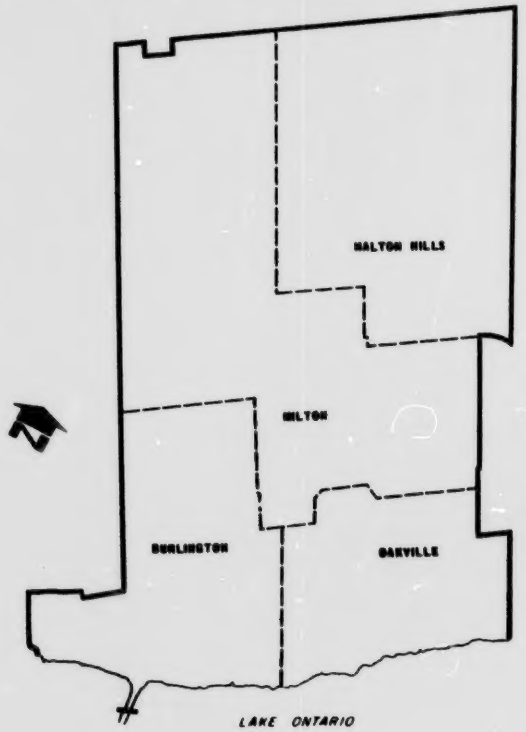
8. HALTON AND THE AREA MUNICIPALITIES

The Region recognizes its major sphere as embracing broad strategic matters, for example, social and health services, capital financing, land management, natural resources, housing, water and sewer services and transportation. Recognizing the

Figure 1
Inter-Regional Context

above, the Area Municipalities are to deal with their local environments to best express their own individualities. The structuring of communities and neighbourhoods and the internal configuration of each of the Area Municipalities are of local concern.

Figure 2
Area Municipalities in Halton



Provincial legislation requires that Area Municipalities' Official Plans be amended to eliminate conflicts with the Official Plan, when approved. Through analysis of the differing roles and responsibilities of the Region and its Area Municipalities, the attempt was made to not intrude on the latter's interests.

This Plan recognizes and is based on the following framework of roles and responsibilities for the Region and the Area Municipalities.

The Regional Plan is a strategy for development of the entire Region. The level of detail in this strategy plan is sufficient to permit achievement of regional objectives.

Local Official Plans, however, covering the whole of each Area Municipality are necessary as extensions of the Regional Plan, and also to direct development in accordance with local desires.

These local plans, approved under The Planning Act, will contain land use distributions and standards at a level of detail sufficient for the implementation of both regional and local policies, and for the preparation of specific development proposals, zoning by-laws and, as and where deemed necessary by this Plan, secondary plans. Local official plans shall not be considered to be secondary plans for the purposes of this Plan.

Such secondary plans, detailing matters such as land use patterns, location and types of housing, street systems and staging, will be adopted in conformity with Regional and Local Official Plans by Area Municipal Councils after adequate public

consultation and endorsed by resolution of Regional Council. Whether secondary plans are to be adopted as amendments to the local official plans or adopted by resolution only will be determined in the local Official Plans.

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9. INTERPRETATION

It should be borne in mind that a liberal interpretation is applied to the term, "policy," in order that a comprehensive approach can be made to the problems at hand.

Several kinds of policies are advanced.

Where the Plan outlines basic positions, it may endorse or accept positions of others, prepare, establish, or adopt new guidelines or criteria, and it may identify or define areas, classifications or situations requiring consistent treatment.

The Plan describes Regional undertakings:

—to follow the policies in providing its own services,
—to attempt to influence change, using words such as encourage, promote, foster, pursue,
—to monitor and review change to determine the effectiveness and suitability of policies,
—to study, evaluate, examine or explore to improve decisions and find better methods, and
—to co-ordinate, participate, assist and support in the Region's dealing with others.

The Plan also requires conformity through use of words such as secure and ensure, and by stating that bylaws, policies and plans shall contain or shall require.

Whether expressed as attitudes, actions or requirements of the Region, these policies are adopted in full recognition of the responsibilities of the Area Municipalities, and are to be pursued, as appropriate, in conjunction with them.

Policies of the two following major kinds are adopted.

Growth Managment Policies

The Regional Concept embodies the principal structural elements of Regional and Provincial policy. It also includes the basic strategies for Population Growth, Economic Development and Housing, and the support service policies for Water and Sewer, Solid Waste Management, and Transportation.

The five positive geographic designations, Urban, Rural, Waterfront, Niagara Escarpment and Parkway Belt, are the durable elements of the Regional Concept. Their limits as shown on policy Map 1 are to be viewed as firm for the purposes stated, and neither they nor their related policies are to be altered except by formal amendment to this Plan, or to the pertinent Provincial plan, as the case may be, unless the interpretation sections allow for such alterations.

The figures for population growth and employment distribution shown in Tables 1A, 1B, 2 and 3, are to be interpreted as guidelines illustrating

key relationships to be attained, and not as specific levels of growth whose achievement is demanded by the Plan. Further, while these figures may be used to keep residential growth in balance with that of employment it is not intended they be used to discourage or delay business development.

These key relationships, mentioned above, refer to the balances among the distribution and types of jobs, the distribution of population, and the distribution and types of housing.

While detailed local phasing is required, the population and employment guidelines are not to be interpreted as requiring total implementation by zoning for the planning period, in order to achieve conformity with this Plan.

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Resource Management Policies

The policies for Hazard Lands, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Open Space, Agriculture, Forestry, Mineral Resources, Heritage and Energy provide the context for resource management. Some of these policies which concern certain types of land require the preparation and maintenance of maps recording the approximate locations of lands to whose particular characteristics attention is directed. The specific locations of such lands are to be determined in the field and through studies and/or secondary plans.

Certain policy areas do not have corresponding maps or figures included in this Plan. Such policies generally apply to the entire Planning Area.

When the policies of this Plan require the application of more than one set of Resource Management Policies, local Official Plans and zoning by-laws:

- shall recognize mineral resource extractive uses as interim uses and shall specify end uses. They shall permit and protect extractive uses, and shall only be changed to reflect such end uses when the interim use is deemed not feasible;

- shall view Hazard Lands, Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Open Space policies in that order of priority, as constraints but not necessarily prohibitions of uses otherwise permitted therein; and

- shall ensure, where Agriculture and/or Forestry policies apply, that designated uses are as consistent as reasonably possible with such application.

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this part is to record goals and objectives. These represent the Council's interpretation of what the residents of Halton aspire to and what problems need to be solved.

2. BACKGROUND

The goals and objectives to follow are the result, primarily, of a project undertaken in the Summer and Fall of 1976 initially involving the definition of problems, issues and concerns as expressed by: (a) the public, (b) the Councils of the Region and the Area Municipalities and (c) staff of local, regional and provincial governments. Thereupon, a set of draft goals and objectives was prepared and circulated widely among these same groups. Following analysis of responses a final set was approved by Council on November 17, 1976, and changed to reflect a number of additions and modifications resulting from the preparation and review of policy papers, and further public comment.

3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Regional Goals and Objectives adopted for this plan are stated in Sections A to O below. Reference should be made to Parts III to VI inclusive, for the Policies which are intended as more detailed statements guiding Regional Council in the pursuit of, and which must be read in conjunction with, the Goals and Objectives.

A GROWTH AND SETTLEMENT

Goals:

1. To manage growth in accordance with the Region's desire to improve and maintain regional unity, retain local community identity and maintain a high quality natural environment.
2. To provide a range of identifiable communities of various sizes and types, which afford maximum choices for work, residence and leisure.
3. To provide a form of growth that is consistent with the need to conserve energy resources and encourage the energy-efficient and economic use of space.

Objectives:

1. To establish a rate and phasing of growth that is consistent with the attainment of regional objectives.
2. To support the programs of senior levels of government aimed at decentralizing growth to other parts of Ontario.
3. To provide a variety of community sizes with matching levels of population, jobs and city services.
4. To prescribe urban development boundaries.
5. To establish rural non-farm housing with specified environmental guidelines for development.

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6. To direct rural residential development to identifiable rural communities that are suitable.

7. To avoid future strip (ribbon) development along rural roads.

B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goal:

1. To develop Halton's economic potential to the fullest by ensuring the continuing expansion of economic opportunities and diversification of the economic base.

Objectives:

1. To undertake actively provision of necessary information and related services to assist and encourage businesses to locate in Halton.

2. To specify industrial and business development targets, locations and servicing priorities.

3. To increase the provision of job opportunities for existing and future labour forces within Halton.

4. To increase and broaden the assessment base of Halton.

5. To provide a greater match by types between employment and residential growth.

6. To identify opportunities for support of the tourist industry.

C HOUSING

Goal:

1. To safely shelter the people of Halton and supply them with an adequate mix and variety of housing to satisfy differing social and economic characteristics and needs.

Objectives:

1. To establish housing targets outside this Plan, involving type, tenure, price ranges as well as density guidelines for the Region and its Area Municipalities.

2. To develop a program of staged residential development including appropriate means for monitoring the attainment of housing targets.

3. To explore and implement new approaches to reduce residential land and construction costs and to provide an adequate supply of housing at reasonable costs.

4. To ensure an adequate number of rental and ownership geared-to-income units.

5. To increase the provision of assisted rental family, senior citizen and other specialized housing in Halton.

6. To encourage Area Municipalities to develop innovative residential development designs, stressing sound environmental practices, conscious of energy and natural resource conservation, but without sacrificing sound engineering and planning principles.

7. To publish information outlining processes for both subdivision and condominium approvals and procedures for Official Plan amendments and zoning changes.

8. To encourage Area Municipalities to maintain the quality of the existing housing stock.

9. To participate in Provincial and/or Federal housing programs which are beneficial to housing development in Halton.

D AGRICULTURE

Goal:

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1. To develop and maintain a permanently secure, economically viable agricultural industry as an important component of Halton's economic base, and as a source of employment for Halton's rural community.

Objectives:

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1. To seek sufficient food production in Halton to meet local needs and demands without undue reliance on imports.

2. To preserve prime agricultural soils as a natural resource.

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3. To retain where possible identified Farm Lands for existing and future farm use.

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4. To protect farms where possible from activities and land uses which would limit productivity or efficiency.

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5. To reduce the fragmentation of Farm Lands and provide for their consolidation.

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6. To promote the rental for farming of Farm Lands not so used.

7. To preserve the farm community as an important social resource.

8. To retain and improve Halton's natural water system so as to ensure safe farm use with minimum soil erosion.

9. To retain sufficient tree cover on Farm Lands, so as to provide additional sources of revenue for farmers, decreased soil erosion, and adequate buffering from adjoining land uses.

10. To encourage a strong farm support service industry in Halton.

11. To ensure the participation of the agricultural industry and community in dealing with concerns of an agricultural nature.

A2biii/R1 A4bii/R5

E ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Goals:

A2biii/R1 A3dii/R2-4 A4bii/R5

1. To protect environmentally significant areas of the regional landscape.

A2biii/R1 A4bii/R5

2. To minimize the pollution of land, air and water resources.

A2biii/R1
A4bii/R5

3. To assist Area Municipalities and organizations in the protection of significant heritage features.

Objectives:

A2biii/R1
A3dii/R2-4
A4bii/R5

1. To identify, protect and preserve lands of sensitive environmental balance, including: headwater control and aquifer recharge areas, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats, streams and river valleys, areas of unique biological features, areas of outstanding scenic beauty.

2. To define hazard lands for the protection of life and property.

3. To permit development only in environmentally suitable areas.

A2biii/R1
A4bii/R5

4. To seek ways, in conjunction with appropriate authorities and the private sector, to restore and then maintain water quality in Lake Ontario as well as its tributary streams and rivers.

5. To ensure the preservation of Lake Ontario and its shoreline as a major environmental resource.

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A3dii/R2-4
A4bii/R5

6. To encourage control of the rate and quality of storm water runoff while utilizing natural drainage systems.

7. To ensure adequate environmental impact assessments of all projects of regional significance.

8. To support the Purpose and Objectives contained in the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act.

9. To encourage early recognition and regulation of existing and potentially incompatible uses resulting from adverse environmental effects, including sound, vibration, gas, odour, heat and radiation.

A2biii/R1
A4bii/R5

F WATERFRONT

Goal:

1. To preserve and protect the Waterfront Area as a major resource for use by Halton inhabitants.

Objective:

1. To participate with the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington, the Federal and Provincial governments, and the Halton Region Conservation Authority, in the preparation of a preferred Waterfront Plan.

A2biii/R1

G FORESTRY

Goal:

1. To protect significant tree-covered areas.

Objectives:

1. To protect trees as a natural resource.

A2biii/R1
A3dii/R2-4

2. To promote the conservation and wise economic use of trees consistent with ecological and environmental goals, objectives and policies.

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3. To preserve selected tree-covered areas in their natural state.

4. To promote a linked forest system in Halton.

5. To promote a forest industry in Halton.

H MINERAL RESOURCES

Goal:

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A3dii/R2-4

1. To ensure the production and provision of mineral resources to meet existing and future needs and demands consistent with regional goals, objectives and policies.

Objectives:

1. To identify priority areas and develop a phasing strategy for the orderly extraction of mineral resources.

2. To clarify the roles, jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Regional and Area Municipalities in the regulation of the mineral aggregate industry.

3. To protect environmental, agricultural, forest and residential lands from extractive operations considered incompatible.

4. To regulate mineral extraction strictly to ensure minimum damage to headwater and other sensitive areas.

5. To protect the Niagara Escarpment and Iroquois shoreline as unique regional landscape features from destruction by mineral aggregate operations.

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6. To promote and protect Halton's mineral resource industry as an important component of the economic base.

7. To protect and conserve mineral resources as a non-renewable natural resource from waste, exploitation or erosion, for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

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A3dii/R2-4

8. To develop guidelines emphasizing the staged rehabilitation and after-use potential of pits and quarries.

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I OPEN SPACE

Goal:

1. To provide a wide diversity and choice of open space opportunities.

Objectives:

1. To establish an integrated Regional system of areas and corridors for open space functions while making maximum use of publicly-owned lands.

2. To increase public access to and opportunities for public enjoyment of Lake Ontario.

3. To clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Region, the Conservation Authorities and the Area Municipalities in the development and management of

open space.

4. To preserve scenic views and scenic routes.

5. To preserve unique historic features.

J SOCIAL

It is the goal of Regional Council to:

- foster the development of a physical and social environment that will enhance the state of well-being and the quality of life for the residents of Halton.

- promote and maintain healthy communities within the limits of the economic and financial resources of the Region.

- pursue human services policies, outside of the Official Plan, that will meet people's changing needs.

Regional Council's more specific objectives and policies, although not part of the Official Plan, are intended to be consistent with any other relevant policies within this Official Plan. They are included in an Appendix, attached to this Plan, and are intended to be implemented and/or amended by Regional Council cognizant of any existing legislative or other jurisdictional limitations and in consultation with appropriate senior levels of government and the private and voluntary sectors.

K TRANSPORTATION

Goal:

1. To provide a safe, convenient, efficient transportation system for all persons and goods, with a minimum disruption to the environment.

Objectives:

1. To develop a transportation system that will encourage regional unity and satisfy inter-regional transportation demands.

2. To increase accessibility to major areas of employment, shopping and recreation.

3. To promote land use patterns and densities which can be easily and economically satisfied by mass transit.

4. To promote and/or develop a public transit system with services to special groups.

5. To ensure that any part of the transportation system is planned and developed with minimum environmental and community disruption.

6. To develop transportation corridors as multiple-use rights-of-way and facilities.

L FINANCE

Goal:

1. To ensure the provision of an adequate level and uniform delivery of regional services in a cost-effective manner and in accordance with the Region's financial resources and capabilities.

Objectives:

1. To ensure an equitable distribution of assessment benefits among all Halton municipalities.

2. To develop, in co-operation with the Area Municipalities, a rate and staging of residential development within the financial capabilities of the Region.

3. To develop a co-ordinated and carefully phased capital works strategy as an integral component of this Plan.

4. To develop a financial capability analysis for forecasting medium-term capital needs as well as for providing development impact assessments.

M UTILITIES

Goal:

1. To ensure the adequate provision of an economic level of regional utilities to achieve regional development objectives while conscious of the need to protect the environment.

Objectives:

1. To establish minimum standards and guidelines for rural residential servicing requiring private sewage disposal systems.

2. To investigate and recommend alternate means of servicing rural residences.

3. To provide satisfactory levels of water supply and sanitary sewage services to meet existing and future requirements.

4. To provide a staged program for the improvement and extension of Regional services within the financial capabilities of the Region and on the basis of a long-term capital budget program.

N ENERGY

Goal:

1. To encourage and ensure the conservation and wise economic use of energy and to minimize adverse impacts caused by its provision.

Objectives:

1. To guide development and transportation services so that energy consumption is held to a minimum.

2. To encourage techniques for energy conservation.

3. To take an active part in decisions regarding utility corridors in Halton.

O GOVERNMENT/ ADMINISTRATION

Goal:

1. To provide a system of government that is effective and efficient in the management of the affairs of the Region

as well as responsive to the public need and interest.

Objectives:

1. To provide an effective public information and communication system to increase the public's knowledge of Regional affairs and Regional services.

2. To develop and maintain a Regional information and data system.

3. To continue providing opportunities for public consultation in Regional decision-making.

4. To establish guidelines for the Regional-Local division of responsibilities.

5. To seek cost reductions through joint Regional-Local use of plant, facilities and equipment, and through avoiding duplication of staffing and services, while effectively fulfilling Regional responsibilities.

6. To develop and apply effective systems for co-ordination, evaluation and monitoring of goals achievement by Regional departments, agencies and commissions.

7. To support the community use of publicly-owned buildings.

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A BASIC POSITIONS

1. HALTON'S ROLE IN CENTRAL ONTARIO

In preparing and adopting this Plan the Region has recognized and considered those provincial plans and policies affecting Halton.

In the provincial concept, **Design for Development—Toronto-Centred Region** (May 1970) and subsequent revisions (**A Status Report on the Toronto-Centred Region**, August 1971, and the **Toronto-Centred Region Program Statement**, March 1976) Halton's provincial role was clearly articulated (See Figure 3 "Halton Within the Toronto-Centred Region").

In Zone 1, centres would be separated and structured by the Parkway Belt into two tiers:

- The Lakeshore centres of Oakville and Burlington, performing subregional functions and with population allocations by 2001 of 50,000-250,000 people.

- The northern tier centres, adjacent to the Parkway Belt, but which will not be developed during the life of Halton's plan.

Milton's urban boundary as of 1971 would provide the ultimate northern boundary of this urbanizing Zone 1 in its eventual final state of development. The growth of urban Milton, however, will be constrained by the provision of water and sewer services.

Centres in Zone 1 will not be allowed to expand to their ultimate capacities immediately. Growth is encouraged in a compact form, properly staged by the economics of servicing.

Halton's portion of Zone 2 is to remain in its present form, mainly agricultural, recreational and open space. Modest growth would be allowed to take place in the existing urban communities of Acton and Georgetown, provided that such growth does not surpass the centres' self-sufficiency in the provision of services, at acceptable provincial standards.

Halton acknowledges its position as an integral part of the Toronto-Centred Region, and in particular it supports the provincial objectives of:

- Decentralizing the pattern of development in the interests of reducing avoidable commuter movement, and offsetting historic development pressures on the communities west of Metropolitan Toronto by directing major growth to existing and new communities to the East.

Further, Halton views its provincial role as including the following functions:

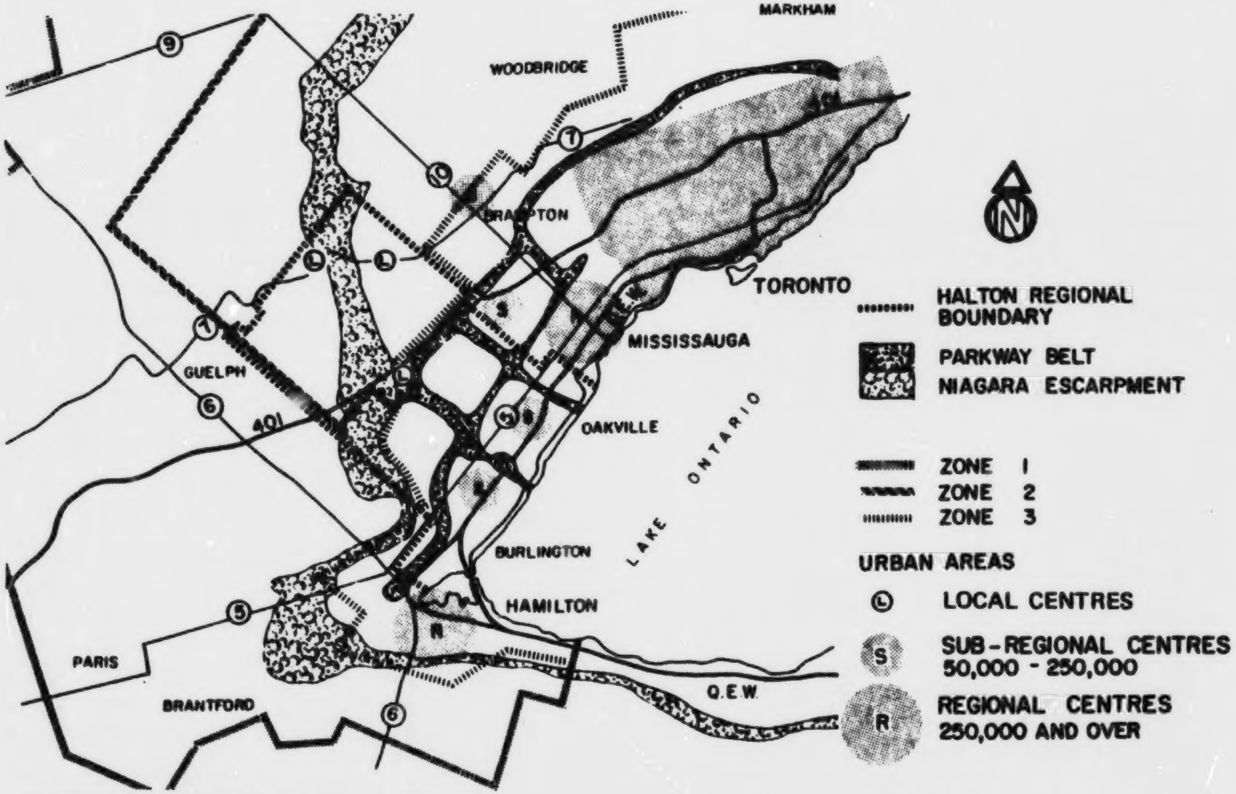
- The supply of agricultural, mineral and manufacturing products to the Central

Ontario market.

The offer of employment opportunities for members of the Toronto-Centred

Region labor force.

The provision of a share of residential accommodation of various types to



SOURCE: MODIFIED FROM DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT, THE TORONTO CENTRED REGION GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO, MAY 1970 PLATES 4 AND 5 AND SUBSEQUENT POLICY STATEMENTS.

Figure 3
HALTON WITHIN THE TORONTO-CENTRED REGION

present and future residents of the Toronto-Centred Region.

Assistance in meeting the open space demands of the people of Central Ontario.

Participation in the establishment and maintenance of the service systems to support the Lakeshore Urban Complex.

Halton's willingness to perform these functions, however, is circumscribed by its recognition of its responsibilities to the land over which it enjoys stewardship, as well as to the aspirations of its municipalities and its citizens. It will seek to husband those resources of the Halton scene which have made these functions possible and to preserve the identities of its communities, the diversity of which is its dominant characteristic.

Halton sees its farming role as a major one, and will emphasize the continued use of suitable rural land for the agricultural industry. It will co-operate in making aggregate resources available to the construction industry only if guaranteed the preservation of its scenic features, and sensitive and systematic rehabilitation of the natural environment.

In this Plan, the Region establishes a rate of growth that is manageable, aimed at reducing pressures on its natural resources and cognizant of the need to maintain environmental quality.

In offering employment, its first priority will be to attract job opportunities to Halton for as many as possible of those who live or may be attracted to live in Halton.

The Region will attempt to rectify imbalances in the Halton housing stock in the interests of accommodating a greater percentage of those employed in Halton.

In meeting some of the extra-regional open space needs, it will do so only as far as is consistent with the needs of its residents, the preservation of those natural features valued by its residents and the continued enhancement of its agricultural industry.

In summary, Halton will undertake its share of inter-regional responsibilities but will do so in a manner consistent with the orderly management of regional resources and with effective regional control.

2. HALTON'S REGIONAL CONCEPT

The Regional Concept is Halton's response to the Province's regional development policies and is the framework within which local Official Plans, Amendments and By-laws shall be prepared. The key elements of this Concept are shown on Map 1, "The Regional Concept," and described below:

a) There are two areas within which the Province has prepared or is preparing plans. These areas, as shown on Map 1, comprise:

   i) The Parkway Belt, as defined by The Parkway Belt West Plan.

ii) The area covered by the Niagara Escarpment Commission's Proposed Plan. Three regional designations are located within this area: Scarp Protection Area, Complementary Area and Rural Area.

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b) In addition to these provincial designations there are mutually exclusive regional policy area designations, as shown on Map 1, comprising the following:

i) The Urban Areas within which urban development, amenities and services shall be concentrated, and within which Area Municipalities, in their Official Plans, are required to prescribe land uses and policies for, among other things, population growth, phasing, housing, business areas, and supporting activities (e.g. community facilities, transportation etc.) in conformity with the policies of this Plan.

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A16b/R19

ii) The Rural Area, (including Hamlets) the character of which shall be preserved, and within which settlement shall be strictly controlled. For purpose of the regional policy designations, the Rural Area will include all Regional Extensions to the Parkway Belt and the Niagara Escarpment Scarp Protection and Complementary Use Areas, in addition to the Rural Area as shown on Map 1.

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iii) The Waterfront Area, for which a Preferred Waterfront Plan shall be prepared in order to preserve and protect this significant regional resource.

iv) Regional Extensions of the Parkway Belt are regional policy only, identified for open space or urban limiter functions. Policies and permitted uses in the Parkway Belt West Plan for the Public Use Area and General Complementary Use Area shall also apply to the corresponding Regional Extensions.

v) Scarp Protection Area and Complementary Use Area are regional designations aimed at protecting the unique open space feature of the Niagara Escarpment, while the Niagara Escarpment Commission's plan is being completed. These two regional designations fall mostly within the boundary of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's Proposed Plan.

The Province's goals, objectives and policies for its planning areas shall, where required by law, take precedence over Regional Policies.

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c) The Regional Concept establishes a growth strategy involving the following elements:

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i) A regional population of 313,000 by 1986, and 398,000 by 2001.

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ii) A rural population of nearly 36,000 by 2001.

iii) An assignment of population and employment for each of the Area Municipalities (as shown in the figure "Population and Employment Distribution") aimed at increasing the Regional job-to-population ratio from 31.8 jobs per 100 people in 1976 to nearly 41 jobs per 100 people by 2001.

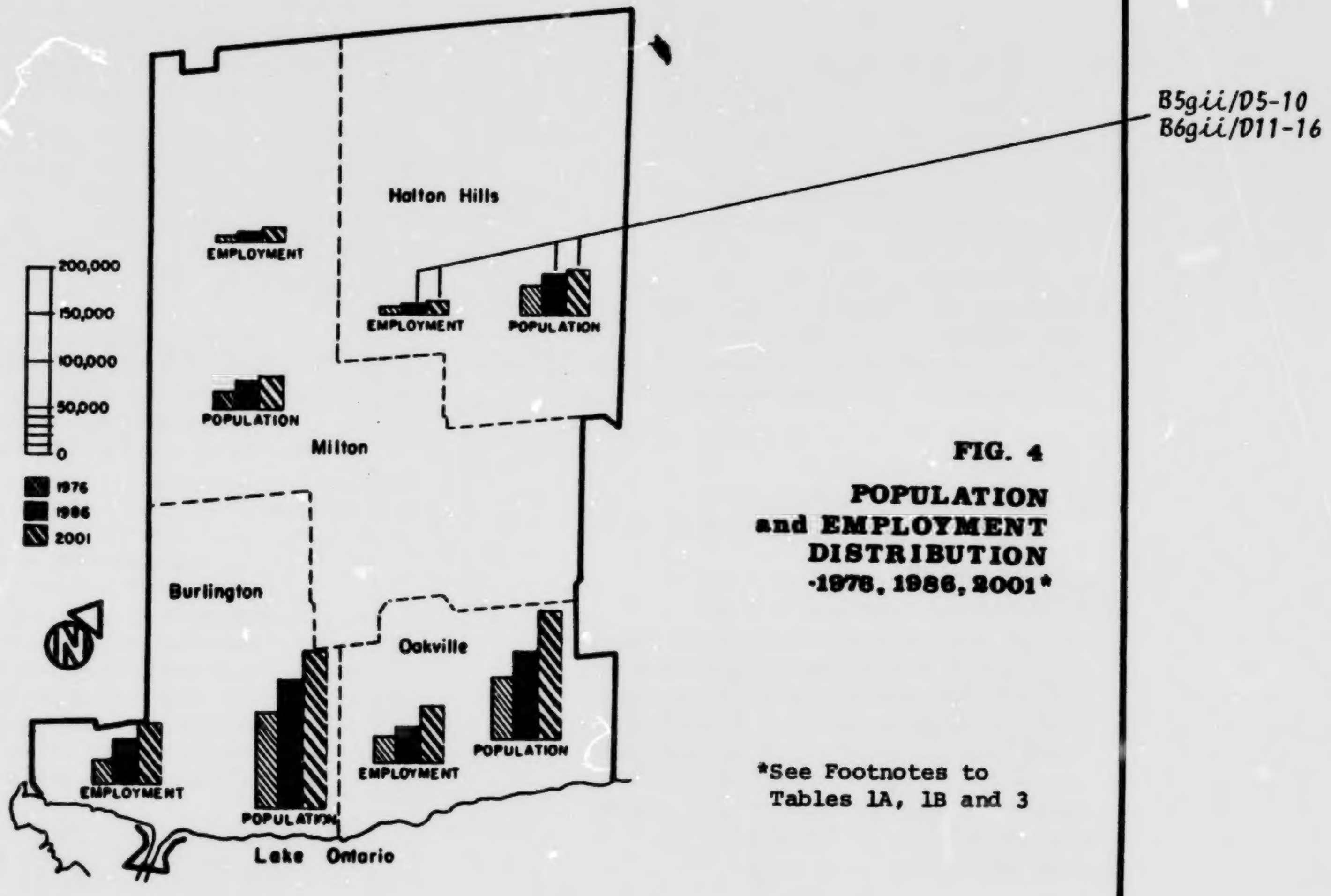
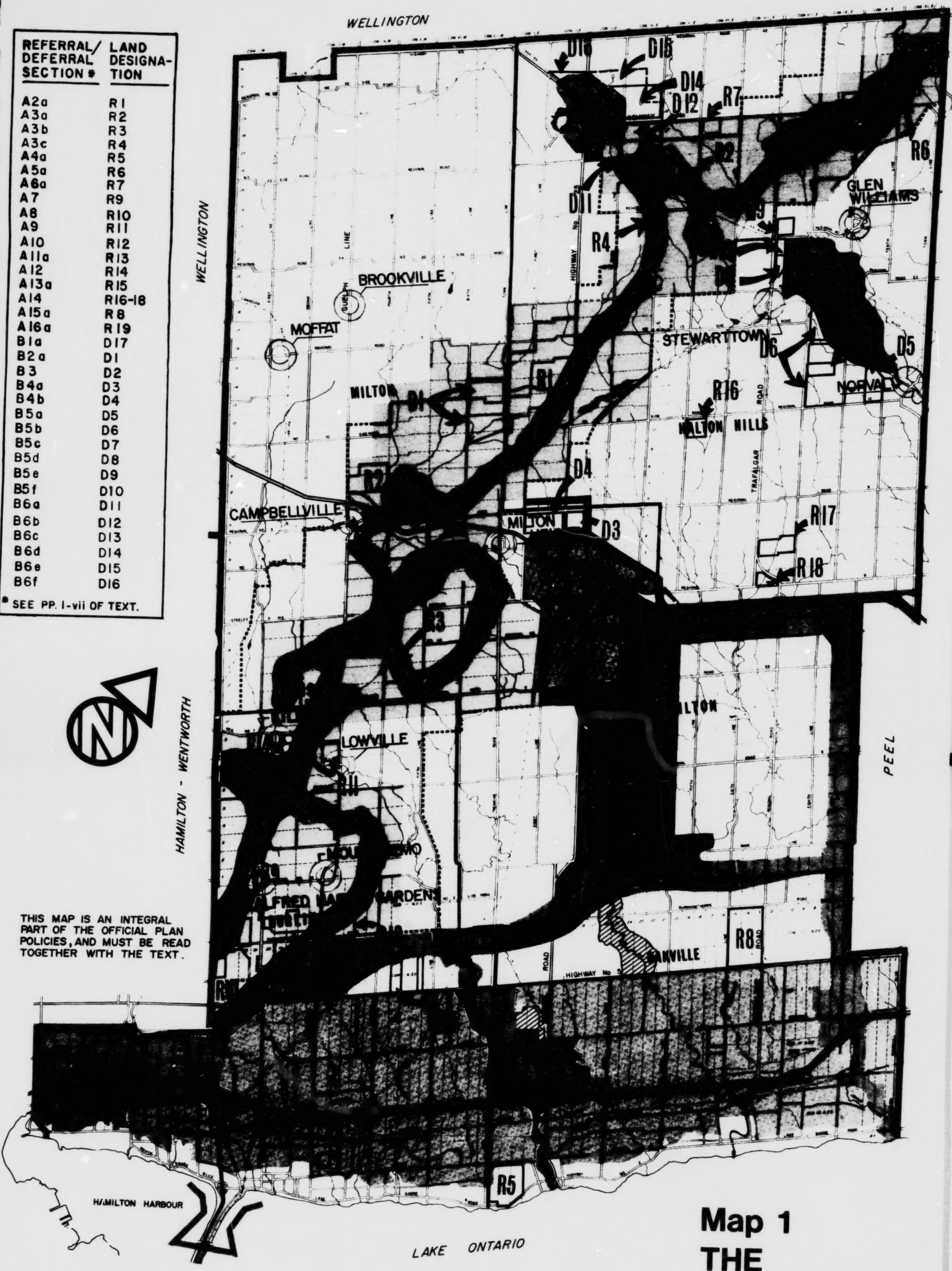


FIG. 4

POPULATION and EMPLOYMENT DISTRIBUTION -1976, 1986, 2001*

*See Footnotes to Tables 1A, 1B and 3



REFERRAL/ DEFERRAL SECTION *	LAND DESIGNATION
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A9	R11
A10	R12
A11a	R13
A12	R14
A13a	R15
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A15a	R8
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B5e	D9
B5f	D10
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B6c	D13
B6d	D14
B6e	D15
B6f	D16

* SEE PP. I-vii OF TEXT.

THIS MAP IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN POLICIES, AND MUST BE READ TOGETHER WITH THE TEXT.

Map 1 THE REGIONAL CONCEPT

iv) A preferred housing density mix based on regional housing needs.

v) A "Functional Classification Plan" and a "Right-of-Way Plan" for major roads and a "Transit System Concept", necessary to support The Regional Concept.

vi) Appropriate supporting policies for water and sewer, and solid waste management.

It is the intent of this Plan that the goals, objectives and policies pertaining to each of these elements will be applied with vigor to ensure the integrity, maintenance and enhancement of The Regional Concept.

B MAJOR REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL COMPONENTS

1. PARKWAY BELT

The development of those lands in the Halton Planning Area that are affected by the Parkway Belt West Plan shall be governed by the provisions of the Parkway Belt West Plan, July 1978, which forms part of the official plan, and in the case of any discrepancy between The Parkway Belt West Plan and the remainder of this official plan, the provisions of The Parkway Belt West Plan shall prevail.

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2. NIAGARA ESCARPMENT

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

a) Endorse the Purpose and Objectives of The Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act.

b) Recognize the extent of the area defined by the Niagara Escarpment Commission as the area within which the Provincial Plan is being prepared, as shown on Map 1.

In the Development Control Area (not shown on Map 1) under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, a development permit will be required by the Commission for development not exempted by the Regulations of that Act.

The Commission will comment on subdivision proposals, consents and proposed zoning by-laws with regard to their conformity with the Purpose and Objectives of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act.

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A3diii/R2-4
A5bi/R6
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A13bii/R15

c) Adopt, as the Region's policy supporting the preservation of the Niagara Escarpment, the following two designations, as shown on Map 1: Scarp Protection Area and Complementary Use Area, both as defined by this Plan. The Scarp Protection Area includes the scarp face. The Complementary Use Area is based on the desirability of further restriction of uses in an adequate adjoining "belt" to protect the "setting of the Escarpment, and including closely related Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

d) Require, relative to the Scarp Protection Area, that Local bylaws and policies:

i) Establish a minimum parcel size of 40 hectares for uses permitted in d(ii) below.

ii) Permit agricultural and forestry uses, and, subject to favourable results of en-

vironmental impact assessment and adherence to detailed development, maintenance and/or rehabilitation plans, permit parks, recreation corridors and uses, and interim mineral resource extractive operations.

iii) Permit limited non-farm development only in Hamlets and in Rural Clusters by infilling only, if consistent with the Escarpment Purpose and Objectives and in accordance with the Settlement and other policies of this Plan.

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A3diii/R2-4
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A6bii/R7
A13bii/R15

e) Require, relative to the Complementary Use Area, that Local bylaws and policies:

i) Permit uses permitted in the Scarp Protection Area, and, for uses described in d (ii) above, establish a minimum parcel size of 20 hectares.

ii) Permit limited non-farm development if consistent with the Escarpment Purpose and Objectives and in accordance with the Settlement and other policies of this Plan.

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A5bi/R6
A13bii/R15

f) On the adoption as Provincial policy of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's plan, this Plan will be amended, as necessary, to conform with the Commission's plan. If, in the course of preparing the Provincial plan, adjustments are made to that plan's boundaries, they will not require an amendment to this Plan.

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3. SETTLEMENT

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

a) Designate Urban and Rural Areas for Halton as shown on Map 1.

b) Preserve the rural character of the Rural Area and to this end, monitor growth in the Rural Area annually to ensure that its character and natural resources are preserved.

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A6bii/R7
A11bi/R13
A12/R14

c) Limit the increase of non-farm lots in the Rural Area to the equivalent of an annual rural population increase of approximately 2 per cent.

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A11bi/R13

d) Encourage Rural Area non-farm dwellings to locate in Hamlets, Rural Clusters by infilling only, and on lands found suitable for Rural Estate Residential development.

e) Apply the following criteria to all development except mineral extraction in the Rural Area:

i) Development must be self-sustaining with its own well-water supply and private sewage disposal systems.

ii) Sewage systems proposed shall conform to the standards of the Ministry of the Environment and Health Unit.

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A6bii/R7
A11bi/R13

iii) Non-farm development will be discouraged from locating on Farm Lands, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Mineral Resource

Protection Areas, and Woodlots and Forests protected by other policies of this Plan.

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A11bi/R13

iv) Development, except in accordance with heritage policies of this Plan, will be discouraged on archaeological sites.

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A11bi/R13

v) Where development is proposed in areas adjacent to watercourses and related physiographic or topographic formation for which there is reason to believe there is a groundwater recharge or discharge function to such watercourses, the proponent must first carry out an environmental impact assessment according to Regional guidelines. Such development shall be subject to any conditions based on its findings.

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A11bi/R13

vi) Development in erosion-prone, flood-susceptible and fill-line regulated lands will be discouraged in accordance with Hazard Land policies.

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A6bii/R7
A11bi/R13

vii) Development will be discouraged along major roads and where access to the affronting roadway would create a traffic hazard.

viii) Non-farm residential development shall conform to pertinent sections of the Agricultural Code of Practice.

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A11bi/R13

ix) Non-farm residential development will be discouraged near major incompatible uses which may jeopardize its residential character.

x) Non-farm residential development will be discouraged near Urban Areas where piped services are available or anticipated, except in Hamlets.

xi) Encourage minor commercial, institutional and industrial uses, the character of which is in keeping with surrounding existing uses, to locate in Hamlets.

f) Apply the following conditions to development within Hamlets:

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A11bi/R13

i) Development shall conform to adopted and approved Hamlet Secondary Plans of Area Municipalities. Such Secondary Plans shall include total and periodic capacity populations, and settlement boundaries, among other elements.

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A11bi/R13
A12/R14

ii) The increase in the number of residents as a result of development must not change its rural nature.

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A11bi/R13

iii) Major residential proposals must be submitted by plan of subdivision.

iv) Prefer that in view of their proximity to an existing serviced Urban Area, development not erode the historic identity of Glen Williams, Norval and Stewarttown.

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g) Apply the following criteria to each Rural Estate Residential Development:

i) The proposal must be submitted by plan of subdivision.

ii) It must be accessible to a local or regional road.

iii) Access to individual lots must be, wherever possible, from internal secondary roads.

iv) It must occur in such a manner as to minimize visual impact on the rural character of the landscape.

v) Land dedicated for park purposes shall, where reasonable, be so located as to reflect the long term objectives of the Municipality and / or the Region and concerned provincial agencies.

vi) It must not locate near any Urban Area, to avoid extensions of urban services.

vii) It must conform to other pertinent policies of this Plan.

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A11bi/R13

h) Consider infilling in the Rural Area, provided all the following conditions are met:

i) The lot is in a Hamlet or in a Rural Cluster.

ii) The proposal is for only one additional lot at a time, except in Hamlets.

iii) The lot to be created shall be located between existing residential buildings which are no more than 100 metres apart, and on the same side of the road.

iv) The proposal must conform to other pertinent policies of this Plan.

i) Allow a consent for a severance for a farm dwelling provided all the following criteria are met:

i) The dwelling is sited to avoid adversely affecting the farm operation.

ii) The dwelling is located on the least productive portion of the farm, wherever possible.

iii) The dwelling is located having regard for the Agricultural Code of Practice.

iv) The proposal also conforms to other pertinent policies of this Plan.

v) In the area covered by the Parkway Belt West Plan, July 1978, allow consent for one severance from the property of each bona fide retiring farmer.

j) All Rural Area lots legally created for the purpose of a dwelling prior to this Plan's adoption shall be considered as conforming to its policies.

k) Approve urban development and urban servicing only within the Urban Areas and Waterfront Area shown on Map 1, and possibly those Special Complementary Use Areas within The Parkway Belt West Plan for which the Region determines it prudent to provide such services subject to section 5.1.3 of The Parkway Belt West Plan.

l) Require that all urban residential development take place in accordance with the logical extension of municipal services and in accordance with the Municipalities' financial ability to provide such services.

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A4biii/R5

4. WATERFRONT

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

a) Require the preparation and adoption of a preferred waterfront plan to be incorporated as part of this Plan.

b) Consider the Shoreline Protection and Management Plan, discussed in the Hazard Lands policies of this Plan, to be part of the waterfront plan.

c) Support waterfront projects of the Town of Oakville and the City of Burlington that have been approved at the time of the adoption of this Plan.

d) In the preparation of the waterfront plan, adhere to the principle that the projects defined under c) above, together with the Halton Wentworth Waterfront Study, provide the basis for discussions leading to the preferred waterfront plan.

e) Actively pursue the implementation of the waterfront plan immediately following its adoption by Council.

f) In the period prior to approval of a Regional waterfront plan, adopt the following as the basis on which development proposals are recommended for approval:

i) Policies of this Plan which apply to the Waterfront Area, including Hazard Lands policies, Environmentally Sensitive Area policies and Open Space policies.

ii) Waterfront projects of the Town of Oakville and the City of Burlington that have been approved at the time of the adoption of this Plan.

iii) The Halton portions of the Halton / Wentworth Waterfront Study.

g) Support the Halton Region Conservation Authority in its designation as the implementing authority to undertake waterfront improvements as deemed appropriate through discussions among the Region of Halton, the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington, the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners and

the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

h) Encourage all levels of government and their appropriate agencies: to enhance water quality by improving the handling of waste and storm water, to take measures to improve water quality in Lake Ontario, and to conform to these policies.

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C GUIDELINES FOR GROWTH

1. POPULATION

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

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a) i) Recognize the population capacities shown in Table 1A for the Urban Areas as shown in Map 1, The Regional Concept.

ii) Adopt, as a basis of this Plan, the phased distribution of population by Municipality as shown on Table 1B.

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b) Secure, in local Official Plans, the inclusion of detailed population policies and the inclusion of appropriate phasing strategies which emphasize growth through infilling and consolidation of development within the urban serviced areas.

c) Require regional departments and agencies and encourage all other levels of government and the private sector to use the population guidelines as the basis for their plans and the provision of services.

TABLE 1A

Population Capacities for the Urban Areas.

Burlington	205,000
Oakville	200,000*
Milton	28,000 max.**
Acton	10,000 max.**
Georgetown	30,000 max.**

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*This figure is in accord with Order - in - Council 638/79, dated February 28, 1979, in respect of Amendments 28 and 31 to the Official Plan of the Oakville Planning Area, which Order-in-Council states that "...the projected population figure of 200,000 for the year 2000 shall be interpreted as meaning that the Urban Area and the Urban Envelope (Phase 2), as approved by the Board, shall be considered to be sufficient to accommodate a population of 200,000 people but the year 2000 shall be considered to be flexible and the population goal shall be subject to the usual economic forces which shall be the main deciding factor in any population goal;".

**Equivalent Populations as per Part III D2 (16) of which the residential component will be identified by the local Official Plan.

d) Monitor all changing physical, social and economic conditions within and outside of Halton which may affect these guidelines and make appropriate amendments after consultation with Area Municipalities.

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TABLE 1B

Distribution of Population by Municipality for 1976, 1986, and 2001

Municipality	1976	1986	2001
Burlington	104,300	139,000	170,000
Halton Hills	34,200	45,000	50,000
Milton	20,600	33,000	37,000
Oakville	68,500	96,000	141,000 *
Region of Halton	227,600	313,000	398,000 *

*These figures are not considered to be inconsistent with Order-in-Council 638/79, dated February 28, 1979, in respect of Amendments 28 and 31 to the Official Plan of the Oakville Planning Area, as the Order-in-Council makes it clear that a population figure of 200,000 is a population capacity figure.

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

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a) Adopt, as a basis of this Plan, Tables 2 and 3.

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b) Define in conjunction with the Area Municipalities, a staging strategy for economic development to:

i) Establish short and medium term employment projections, by sector.

TABLE 2

Percentage Distribution of Regional Employment by Major Sectors for 1986 and 2001.

Major Sector	1986	2001
Primary*	2.7	1.9
Secondary**	35.7	33.5
Tertiary***	61.6	64.6

*Primary Sector comprises agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining industries.

**Secondary Sector comprises manufacturing and construction industries.

*** Tertiary Sector is the service sector, comprising all other industry groups.

ii) Establish short and medium term industrial, office and other business space requirements based on employment and on industrial-commercial assessment requirements.

iii) Ensure an adequate supply of serviced industrial and commercial land to meet the business investment needs of Halton.

iv) Assess from time to time the industrial / commercial-to-residential assessment ratios and outline policies to ensure that an acceptable balance is maintained.

c) Consider acquisition and servicing of industrial land in order to implement policies in this Plan.

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B6giv/D11-16

TABLE 3

Phased Distribution of Employment by Municipality for 1976, 1986 and 2001.

Municipality	1976	1986	2001
Burlington	27,300	50,200	67,300
Halton Hills	9,200	13,700	17,000
Milton	7,100	11,300	15,700
Oakville	28,700	40,400	61,300 *
Region of Halton	72,300	115,600	161,300 *

*See footnotes to Tables 1A and 1B.

d) Secure the designation of business areas in local Official Plans to:

i) Satisfy the locational requirements of industries.

ii) Satisfy the locational requirements of office development with particular regard to the provision of public transit, shopping areas and complementary activities to increase the potential for office development.

iii) Satisfy requirements for commercial retail development to ensure that retail needs of residents will be increasingly satisfied within Halton.

iv) Reduce the journey to work by locating such areas, where possible, in close proximity to residential areas but subject to properly defined environmental, social and aesthetic performance and design standards.

e) Monitor and maintain a current picture of the opportunities and constraints on future expansion of existing businesses within Halton, and within the policies of this Plan, promote the growth of these businesses within Halton.

f) Support Area Municipalities in programs to encourage redevelopment and rehabilitation of older industrial

areas.

g) Promote the growth of existing businesses and development of new business activities in Halton.

h) Maximize employment opportunities in the manufacturing sector, recognizing the particular beneficial relationships between job creation in manufacturing and the service sector.

i) Seek the clear definition in local Official Plans of the roles and economic functions of core area(s).

j) Support Area Municipalities in core area(s) redevelopment and revitalization plans and programs.

k) Require that any proposal to expand to a major shopping centre or to develop or expand any major shopping centre, not provided for in both Offficial Plans and zoning bylaws on the date of this Plan's adoption, be first approved by the Region and the appropriate Area Municipality, with such approval to be only after consideration and approval of detailed impact studies prepared by the proponents. Such studies shall, among other matters, include analysis of impact on existing shopping areas, local core areas, public and private transportation and on the community's social and economic life.

m) Monitor economic conditions affecting Halton and, in so doing, among other things:

  i) Measure economic trends in relation to goals, objectives and policies as defined in Official Plans.

  ii) Provide current information pertaining to the economic structure and growth.

  iii) Assist in the evaluation of the impact of specific proposals as they relate to Official Plans.

n) Encourage the creation of employment opportunities for the physically handicapped.

o) Encourage the Province to establish, in concert with concerned Regional Municipalities, appropriate planning processes and structures to resolve issues of an inter-regional nature in recognition of the strong economic ties and dependencies among communities within the larger Toronto-Hamilton metropolitan economy.

3. HOUSING

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

a) Approve, in pursuit of Regional housing needs guidelines, and in conjunction with the Area Municipalities, annual housing production targets indicating:

  i) The number, type and prices of housing units.

  ii) The number and type of rental units.

  iii) The number of households requiring assisted housing.

iv) The number of households requiring specialized housing.

b) Establish an annual inventory target of serviceable residential land, draft approved for development, to accommodate at least twice the annual housing target requirements.

c) Reflect annual housing targets in local and regional capital budgets.

d) Assist the Province in its co-ordination of residential land targets for each of the regions from Toronto to Hamilton.

e) Review housing production targets' annually, monitor housing conditions and publish this information in an annual report.

f) Recognize low-income seniors and low-to-moderate-income families with young children as priority groups for assisted housing.

g) Encourage the bi-annual review, by Area Municipalities, of the Halton Housing Authority's waiting list for assisted, low-rent housing for families and seniors.

h) Encourage the Halton Housing Authority to widely publicize new assisted rental housing developments and programs under its jurisdiction.

i) Participate, in partnership with the Area Municipalities, in Provincial and Federal government programs to provide an adequate mix of housing in Halton.

j) Discourage the conversion of existing family rental accommodation from rental to ownership tenure.

k) Encourage Area Municipalities to adopt condominium policies.

l) Require that local official plans, by appropriate density mixes, ensure the provision of a variety of housing types.

m) Pursue appropriate measures to reduce the length of time required for approval of development applications.

n) Encourage the Area Municipalities to favour innovative residential development designs which contribute to energy and natural resource conservation.

o) Encourage Area Municipalities to adopt and enforce maintenance and occupancy standards by-laws.

p) Assist in the co-ordination of the contents of all such maintenance and occupancy standards by-laws to ensure similar standards while recognizing differences between urban and rural areas.

q) Encourage Area Municipalities to ensure that by-laws do not permit isolation of specialized, assisted and low-income housing in any area.

r) Encourage Area Municipalities to provide, in neighbourhood and community design, for adequate housing

type choices to accommodate the physically disabled.

s) Accept housing as a basic social need, so that a variety of housing, according to need, will be made available.

t) Encourage Area Municipalities not to permit concentration of group homes in one neighbourhood or district.

u) Examine and, if necessary, encourage the development of Non-Profit housing corporations in Halton to accommodate disabled and aged persons.

v) Seek appropriate authority and funding from the Federal and Provincial governments to co-ordinate housing programs, and seek to:

i) Standardize and co-ordinate procedures and policies.

ii) Eliminate duplication.

iii) Act as a clearing house for, and monitor such programs.

iv) Advise on procedural and legislative amendments as necessary.

w) Encourage all levels of government to stimulate rental construction in Halton to maintain a proper balance between rental and ownership housing units.

D SUPPORT SERVICES

1 TRANSPORTATION

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

(In General)

1. Secure a balanced and integrated transportation system, with travel mode alternatives to the private car.

2. Give higher priority to projects that would strengthen internal transportation linkages such as arterial roads and inter-municipal transit services.

3. Review and comment on, in co-operation with the respective agencies having jurisdiction, the planning and design of major transportation facilities of regional significance.

(Regarding Roads)

4. Adopt, as the basis for planning the future road system the Functional Classification Plan of Major Roads, as shown on Map 2 and described in Figure 5. Major features of this Plan include:

a) The provision of a continuous

primary arterial road across Halton along Plains Road, Fairview Street, Speers Road, Cornwall Road, and Royal Windsor Drive.

b) The provision of the Queen Elizabeth Way—Highway 403 freeway link in the vicinity of the eastern boundary of Halton.

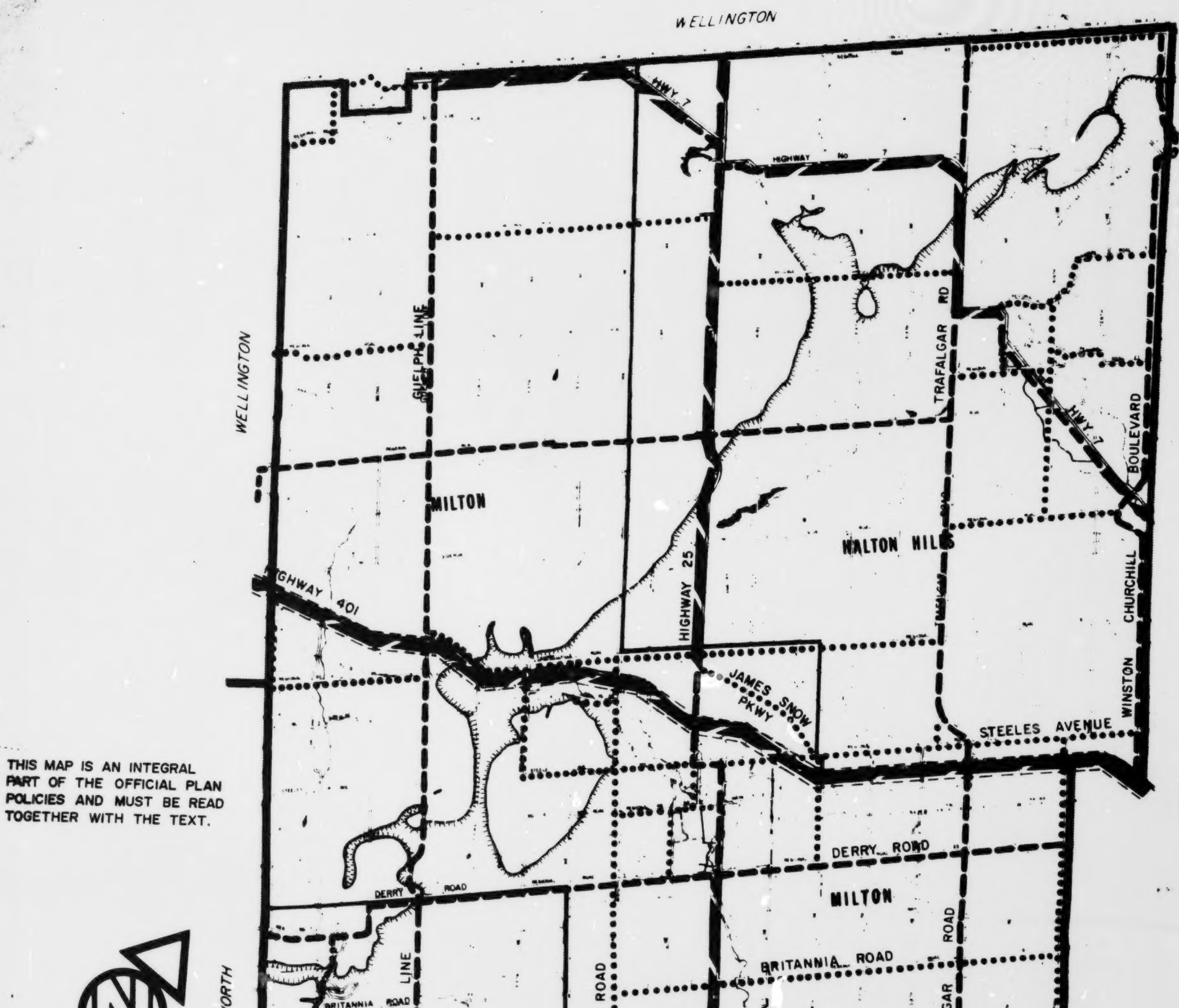
c) The full development of the Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway 5 prior

Figure 5
Functional Classification of Major Roads

Class	Function	Access Control	Right-of-Way Width *	Number of Traffic Lanes *
Provincial Highways with Full Control of Access	• Connect Regions • Serve long distance traffic • Act as inter-regional transit corridors	Full control of access	**	**
Other Provincial Highways and Primary Arterials	• Connect municipalities • Serve medium to long distance traffic • Distribute traffic to and from Provincial highways with full control of access • Provide access to major activity centres • Act as inter-municipal transit corridors	Partial control of access	26-45 m	2-6
Secondary Arterials	• Connect communities • Serve medium distance traffic • Distribute traffic to and from provincial highways and primary arterials • Provide access to activity centres • Act as major local transit corridors	Partial control of access	20-40 m	2-6

* The right-of-way width and number of traffic lanes shown in Figure 5 represent only general guidelines. The actual lane requirements of individual roads and precise alignments of entirely new road-way sections will be determined through detailed studies.

**The right-of-way width and number of traffic lanes of Provincial Highways are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.



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- PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY
- PRIMARY ARTERIAL
- SECONDARY ARTERIAL
- FULL CONTROL OF ACCESS

Map 2

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION PLAN OF MAJOR ROADS

to the provision of Highway 403 across Halton.

d) The re-development of the Queen Elizabeth Way in the skyway corridor to provide increased traffic capacity.

e) The provision of James Snow Parkway between Derry Road and Highway 25.

5. Adopt the rights-of-way widths shown on the Right-of-Way Plan of Major Roads, Map 3. These widths are necessary for future road improvements and are designed to minimize the social and environmental disruptions of future roads.

6. Secure through the development process and wherever necessary in that regard in conjunction with the Area Municipalities:

a) Rights-of-Way of the widths as shown on Map 3.

b) Daylighting triangles at the intersections of or with major roads.

c) Compliance with the access control policies to be established according to paragraph 7 below.

Development process includes subdivisions, land severences, rezonings, site plan agreements, minor variances, and Parkway Belt and Niagara Escarpment applications.

7. Establish, in conjunction with the Province and the Area Municipalities, minimum setback standards, parking provision policies, and access control policies on major roads in Halton consistent with the functions these roads are intended to serve as described in Figure 5.

8. Inform, jointly with the Province and the Area Municipalities, the public and potential residents of Halton of rights-of-way and possible time frames for construction of future roads, in order to prevent encroachments upon such reserved rights-of-way.

9. Secure necessary improvements to the major roads in Halton to provide a satisfactory level of service.

10. Prior to approval, review development proposals having potential impacts on major roads, and require, where deemed necessary, the proponents to carry out a detailed transportation impact study.

(Regarding Transit)

11. Promote the use of public transportation as an alternative form of travel to the private automobile.

12. Encourage local transit connections between Burlington and Oakville.

13. Encourage the provision of good transit

services to areas of maximum employment, shopping and recreation opportunities.

14. Consider, jointly with the Area Municipalities involved, the need for and feasibility of providing inter-urban transit services between the northern and southern communities.

15. Support the Area Municipalities in the planning, rationalization and application for funding of new or existing local transit services.

16. Investigate the need, feasibility and implications of a Regional transit system.

17. Support the provision of commuter rail services to Burlington and Milton.

18. Investigate, jointly with the Province and neighbouring regions, the provision or improvement of inter-regional transit services between Burlington and Hamilton (both the downtown and the industrial areas), between Oakville and Mississauga, between Milton and Mississauga and between Halton Hills and Brampton, with an aim toward de-emphasizing downtown Toronto as the focus of all inter-regional transit trips.

19. Provide, in keeping with "The Regional Concept," a future transit system conceptually of the form shown on Figure 6, "Transit System Concept," with a premium bus service (frequent schedules and possibly privileged bus lanes during peak hours) on a major transit corridor along the Fairview Street-Speers Road arterial route and connecting the core areas of Burlington and Oakville.

20. Participate with the Province in the planning of inter-regional transit services related to Halton as an integral part of the overall regional transportation planning process.

(Regarding Other Transportation Issues)

21. Encourage developments at high or moderate densities along arterial roads close to core areas and / or major transit corridors, and with common access points for transit stops, in order to produce concentrations of common trip origins and / or destinations.

22. Promote ride-sharing such as car or van-pooling as a more efficient form of travel for commuters.

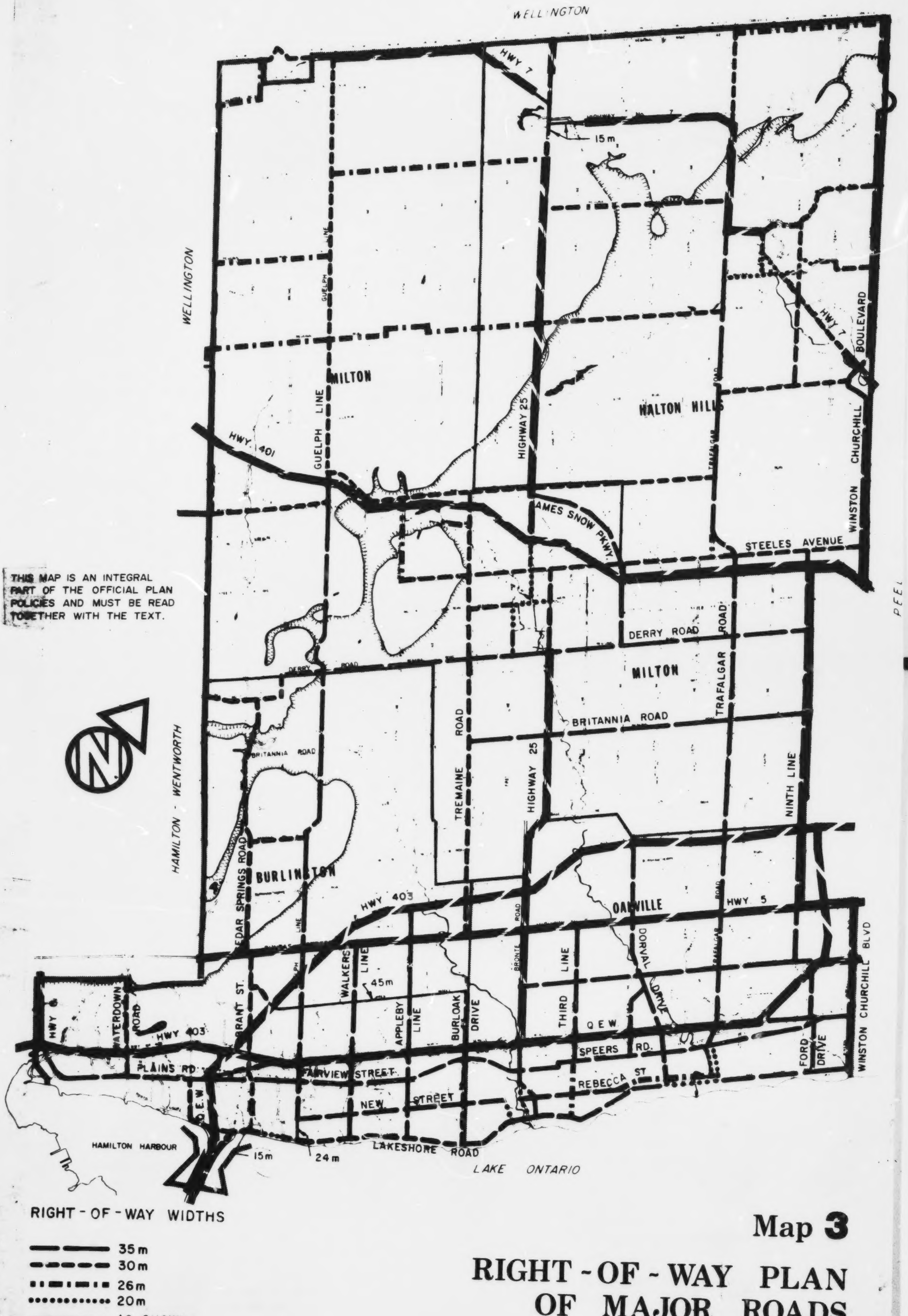
23. Support the provision of a safe and efficient railway network by:

a) Securing grade separation of railways and major roads, where warranted.

b) Encouraging conversion of abandoned railway rights-of-way to other uses.

c) Encouraging relocation of railway lines from urban centres, where deemed desirable and feasible.

d) Ensuring, where possible, compati-



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Map 3

RIGHT - OF - WAY PLAN OF MAJOR ROADS

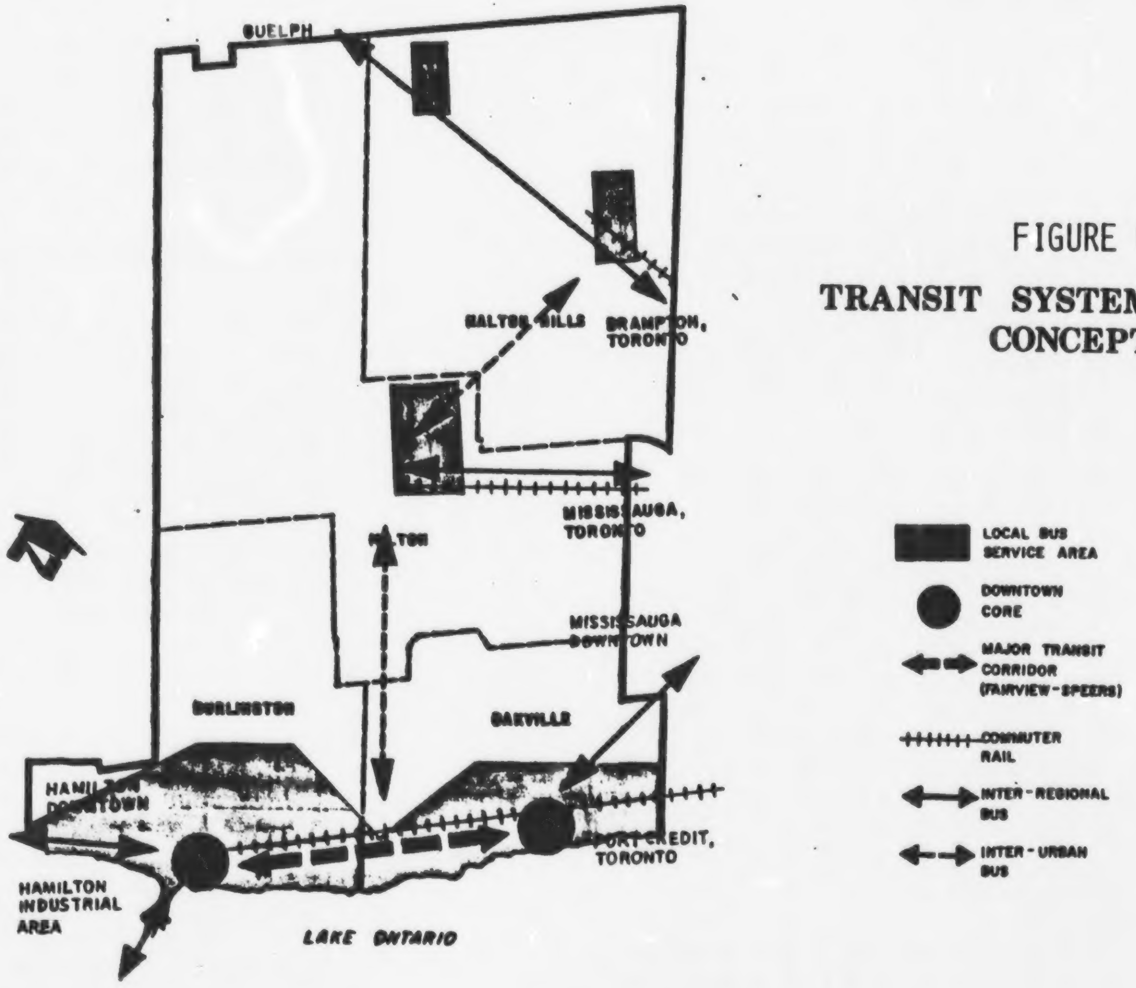

FIGURE 6

TRANSIT SYSTEM CONCEPT

ble land uses adjacent to railway corridors and terminal facilities.

24. Investigate, with the appropriate authorities and operators, the present and future needs for better connection between the local transit system and ground transportation services to the major airports in Malton and Hamilton.

25. Ensure that in the planning and design of future major transportation facilities, proper consideration is given the reduction of noise impacts on adjacent uses.

26. Encourage the development of bicycle path systems and walkway systems that would serve a transportation function and ensure wherever feasible the integration of such systems into the design of transportation facilities including the access components at major activity centres.

27. Examine the transportation needs of the infirm and the physically handicapped and co-ordinate the provision of transportation facilities for this special sector of the public.

28. Provide for easy access and movement of the physically disabled to and within public buildings and facilities.

2 SEWER AND WATER SERVICES

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Develop, in consultation with the Area Municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment, a phasing scheme for the provision of sewer and water services to be incorporated in this Plan, by means of appropriate text and maps.

2. Limit development within all Urban Areas, the Waterfront Area, and possibly those Special Complementary Use Areas within The Parkway Belt West Plan for which the Region determines it prudent to provide such services (subject to section 5.1.3 of the Parkway Belt West Plan) to the ability of the Region to provide acceptable levels of water treatment and supply and sewage collection and treatment.

3. Pursue expansion and improvement of existing sewer and water services so as to facilitate orderly urban development.

4. Encourage the proper use of surface water and underground aquifers, and ensure that development does not adversely affect the quantity and quality of water.

5. Investigate, recognize and weigh all issues and alternatives prior to making major commitments for the provision of sewer and water trunk and treatment facilities.

6. Continue to repair existing facilities and correct deficiencies in the water distribution and sewage collection system.

7. Investigate alternative financing methods by which smaller communities can enjoy the benefits of a level of

municipal service equivalent to that of larger communities.

8. Continue investigating alternative means of servicing Milton and Halton Hills (Georgetown and Acton).

9. Encourage industries, whose water requirements are mainly domestic, to locate in the northern Urban Areas. Urge industries that require water and sewer services, in excess of domestic needs, to operate their plants in the Oakville and Burlington areas where adequate water and sewer services are available.

10. Encourage industries to pretreat sewage to reduce its impact on sewage treatment facilities and to recycle water to conserve that resource.

11. Take the necessary steps to ensure that an adequate supply of serviced industrial land will be available to provide a reasonable choice for businesses considering locating in Halton.

12. Require the development industry to absorb all or part of the cost of the provision of the sewer and water trunk and treatment facilities so that new land development does not become a burden on existing taxpayers.

13. Provide self-sustaining central water supply and sewage collection and treatment systems to meet the needs of Hamlets where this is feasible and necessary.

14. Investigate alternate means of servicing rural residences.

15. Establish, in co-operation with the Health Unit, minimum standards for rural residential services requiring private wells and private sewage systems.

16. Recognize the northern water pollution control plant capacities in terms of equivalent populations of:

Milton plant	28,000	B6gv/D11-16
Halton Hills		
(Acton plant)	10,000	B5gv/D5-10
(Georgetown plant)	30,000	

3 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

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1. Investigate alternative ways and means of solid waste reduction and pursue, in conjunction with appropriate agencies and Area Municipalities, active public education programs to this end.

2. Accept the use of resource recovery techniques, where feasible, in the disposal of solid wastes.

3. Evaluate, as new technologies and procedures arise, alternative solid waste systems, seeking at all times to employ only those methods considered to be appropriate, economic and feasible.

4. Encourage and actively support ways and means of conserving material and energy resources.

5. Seek out long term viable markets for materials and/or energy recovered from solid wastes.

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6. In conjunction with the activities outlined in Policies 1 to 5 above, establish and operate sanitary landfills to meet regional disposal requirements where required, after due consultation with the area municipalities, and at the same time work towards a reduction and reliance on landfills as resource recovery facilities are installed and markets for resource recovery products are established.

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7. a) Select landfill sites, if required, on the basis of comparative studies which will, among other things, examine the social, economic and environmental impact of each site, and take into consideration the views of affected citizens and any other matters as determined by Regional Council.

   b) Develop and adopt guidelines for such comparative studies and for the examination of such impacts.

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8. View the use of land for landfill during the operational life of the site as an interim use, until such time as the land is rehabilitated in accordance with the long term end uses suggested by local Plans, and in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

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9. Locate sanitary landfills where feasible on lands less suited to other purposes, but recognize that the nature of the operation of landfills, including the need to protect ground and surface water, may require locations for landfills which according to other policies of this Plan may be best suited for other purposes.

10. Pursue the design, establishment and operation of a system for Solid Waste Management, consisting of the following components:

   a) Transportation of most solid wastes from the generating urban areas, to a

   b) Resource Recovery plant, located convenient to:

      i) The centroid of generation

      ii) The potential markets for recycled materials represented by major industrial areas, and

      iii) Key transportation facilities, and

   c) Transportation of the residue if any to

   d) One or more sanitary landfill sites if required.

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A AGRICULTURE

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Recognize, encourage and protect agriculture as an important industry in Halton, and to this end:

   a) Support plans and programs which encourage and protect it.

   b) Actively promote its development.

   c) Monitor, investigate and periodically report on its conditions and problems.

   d) Endorse the Ontario Food Land Guidelines 1978.

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A6biii/R7
A14/R16-18

2. Recognize, encourage and protect farming as the primary long-term feature of the Rural Area and to this end:

   a) Adopt as the basis for such recognition, encouragement and protection, priorities based on the following rank criteria:

      i) Soil capability for agriculture,
      ii) viability of farm size, and
      iii) farm type, rated from food farms (highest) to commercial farms to non-commercial farms.

   b) Promote as a first priority farms on prime agricultural soils.

   c) Promote the location of new Non-food Farms on poorer agricultural soils, and / or within or near Urban Areas.

   d) Recognize as a minimum farm lot size an acreage which leaves both the land severed and the land retained as viable farm units, and direct the Land Division Committee, in considering severances to follow this standard with exceptions to be made only where the proposal is:

      i) for farm consolidation purposes where no new building lot is to be created, and/or the remainder will be a viable farm unit.

      ii) for disposal of a surplus house following consolidation. (Consolidation is defined as the joining of abutting holdings in one ownership.)

      iii) for creation of a lot for a farm dwelling in accordance with this plan.

      iv) for boundary adjustments, rights-of-way, easements or other public utilities.

   e) Apply the Agricultural Code of Practice only in such manner as to protect farming as opposed to protecting any surrounding non-farm use, and deem purchasers of lots in the Rural Area to be aware of neighbouring farming practices and therefore, give no effect to complaints concerning those practices.

   f) Monitor and evaluate the impact on the Rural Area of development pro-

posals upon farming and the farm community.

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A14/R16-18

3. Recognize and protect Halton's Farm Lands as a natural resource of major importance to the economic viability of agriculture and to this end:

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A6biii/R7
A14/R16-18

a) Identify as Farm Lands for the purposes of this Plan only those lands which are evaluated as having a potential for farming due either to their containing Prime Agricultural Soils or to their accommodating, or having accommodated, well-established farm uses.

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A6biii/R7
A14/R16-18

b) Recognize, promote and protect farming and accessory activities as the preferred land use for those lands identified as Farm Lands.

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A6biii/R7
A14/R16-18

d) Recognize and protect Farm Lands located within the Rural Area as a long-term use, and recognize and protect those Farm Lands located within the Urban Area as an interim use.

A2biii/R1
A14/R16-18

e) Recognize and protect, as a priority, those Farm Lands containing Prime Agricultural Soils.

f) Lease, wherever and whenever possible, Regionally-owned Farm Lands for farm use, preferably for long terms, and encourage other Farm Lands owners to do the same.

g) Promote the establishment of Woodlots and Treescapes on Farm Lands, and encourage their management consistent with the policies of this Plan.

h) Promote, along with clearing waterways and culverts and installation of outlet drains, the establishment of new tile drains on Rural Area Farm Lands, and encourage their protection and management.

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A3div/R2-4
A14/R16-18

i) Restrict, generally, those uses and activities evaluated as incompatible with farming from locating on Rural Area Farm Lands.

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A3div/R2-4
A13biii/R15
A14/R16-18

j) Support non-farm development on Farm Lands only where:

i) Deemed compatible with existing and potential farm operations.

ii) Every reasonable effort has been made to preserve Prime Agricultural Soils.

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A13biii/R15
A14/R16-18

iii) Detailed studies prove that the lands are better suited for non-farm uses.

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iv) In conformity with policies of this and local Plans.

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4. Recognize, encourage, protect and support Halton's farmers and agricultural organizations, not only as essential resources of the farm industry but also as important and valuable contributors to the rural community. To this end, the Region will:

a) Consult with and support, to such extent and in such form as Council may decide, Halton's farm organizations and the Minister of Agriculture and Food.

b) Provide sewage sludge suitable for fertilizer, subject to Regional and Provincial environmental protection guidelines.

c) Ensure enforcement of Weed Control By-laws.

d) Permit the Bona Fide Farmer to build an additional farm dwelling or sever a lot from the farm for a farm dwelling. Such permission will be considered a privilege (and not a right) to be granted only where it can be shown that:

i) The applicant is a Bona Fide Farmer. For this purpose a case-by-case evaluation will be made.

ii) Such dwelling or lot is necessary to the economic viability of the farm and / or to his retirement.

iii) In the case of retirement accommodation, he has owned and continuously farmed the farm on which the proposed dwelling or lot is to be located for at least 10 years.

iv) The remainder is a viable farm unit or remains part of a viable farm operation.

v) The proposed dwelling or lot can and will be located in accordance with the policies of this Plan.

vi) Such permission is in conformity with this, local, and Provincial plans.

5. Recognize, encourage and protect secondary industries essential to Halton's agricultural industry and as a major contributor to its economic base, and to this end:

a) Actively promote the location of major secondary agricultural processing, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing operations within the Urban Areas.

b) Actively promote the location of farm support operations within the Milton Urban Area and within designated Hamlets.

c) Ensure that local Official Plans provide ample opportunity and direction for the development of these industries.

7. Establish, if and when considered necessary, an advisory committee, on which all Halton Farmers will be represented, to assist Regional Council to:

a) Investigate, and pursue with the Province, alternative agricultural planning techniques.

b) Implement agricultural policies of

this Plan.

8. Encourage all other government levels and agencies to adopt policies and plans which promote the economic viability of Halton's agricultural industry, and to this end:

a) Require that local Official Plans:

i) Include phasing strategies showing approximate target dates when Urban Area Farm Lands will be required for urban uses.

ii) Recognize and protect, as a matter of general principle, prime agricultural soils in preference to lesser soils in the course of considering development in the Rural Area.

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A6biii/R7
A14/R16-18

iii) Recognize and protect farming as the preferred land use for Farm Lands.

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iv) Reflect the severance policies of this Plan.

b) Encourage the Provincial Government to:

i) Identify and protect, by way of Provincial Legislation, major blocks of land for farm use, originally proposed for future development within the TCR Plan, as Milton West and Milton East.

ii) Lease to farmers provincially-owned Farm Lands, on a long-term basis, including lands purchased by OHC.

iii) Initiate a property tax system which encourages farming and which reflects the true farm i.e. productive value of such lands.

c) Encourage the Federal Government to pursue adoption of a national food policy incorporating such features as protective tariffs and incentives to farmers.

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B FORESTRY

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Recognize, encourage and protect forestry both as an essential conservation land use, and as a potentially significant resource industry and to this end:

a) Recognize Forestry as a major regional concern.

b) Support plans and programs which encourage and protect Forestry, and encourage the Conservation Authorities, and all levels of government, to do likewise.

c) Monitor, investigate and periodically report conditions and problems concerning Forestry.

2. Recognize and protect trees as a

renewable natural resource, essential to the health and welfare of Halton residents, wildlife and rural environment, and to this end:

a) i) Control tree cutting by use of the Tree Cutting By-law.

ii) Revise that By-law in consultation with the Area Municipalities, Conservation Authorities. and Ministry of Natural Resources, to improve tree cutting control.

iii) Assign responsibility for that by-law's enforcement.

b) Monitor development proposals which require or propose tree cutting in Halton.

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A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5

c) Require an Environmental Impact Assessment for proposed tree cutting within Environmentally Sensitive Areas, with the exception of tree cutting under a forest management plan approved, after consultation with the Region, by the Ministry of Natural Resources or a local Conservation Authority.

d) Discourage tree cutting considered incompatible with sound forest management practices.

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A4biv/R5
A5bii/R6

f) Discourage major development proposals incompatible with Forestry from locating within Woodlots and Forests.

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A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5

g) Support the identification, designation and preservation of trees which are Heritage Features.

h) Identify treed lands which are environmentally sensitive, to be maintained in their natural state.

i) Adopt, as a general standard for the administration of tree coverage minimum of 20 per cent of Halton's total land area. Area Municipalities will be encouraged to establish their own minimum tree coverage standard, without compromising the Regional standard.

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3. Promote the development of new trees, and to this end:

a) Retain Treescapes along Regional Roads, replace trees cut down for public works and, wherever possible, develop new treescapes consistent with safe and aesthetically pleasing road design.

b) Promote the development of Treescapes along streams, valleys, and Hazard Lands so as to reduce flooding and excessive soil erosion and to provide suitable fish habitat.

c) Promote the close association of Forestry with farming (as mutually compatible activities) subject to control of grazing within Woodlots and Forests. Only Tree-

scapes and Woodlots, however, will be encouraged on Farm Lands.

d) Promote reforestation programs on Agricultural Soil Classes 4, 5, 6 & 7.

e) Enter into agreements for the management of Halton's Agreement Forests.

f) Consider from time to time the adoption of new reforestation programs and plans within Halton.

g) Adopt, as a target for tree planting in Halton, a tree coverage increase of 5 per cent of Halton's total land area by the year 2001 and encourage Area Municipalities to adopt similar targets.

A2biii/R1
A5bii/R6

4. Discourage recreational activities within Woodlots and Forests where such activities will adversely affect Forestry.

A2biii/R1

5. Encourage minor sawmill operations within the Rural Area and encourage major secondary forest processing, wholesaling and retailing operations to locate within the Urban Area.

7. Recognize and promote Forestry both as an interim activity and as an end use for mineral extractive areas.

8. Encourage the Provincial Government to amend legislation governing property tax incentives affecting tree-covered lands. These incentives should increase in proportion to progressively larger forests and should be comparable to tax incentives applying to Farm Lands.

C MINERAL RESOURCES

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Recognize Mineral Resources as a major Regional concern, and to this end:

   a) Support plans and programs which protect Mineral Rfsources and encourage their wise management.

   b) Encourage all other government levels to do likewise, in accordance with this Plan.

   c) Monitor, investigate and periodically report conditions and problems concerning Mineral Resources.

2. Pursue Mineral Resource planning and to this end:

   b) Develop and adopt, in consultation with the Area Municipalities, Conservation Authorities and the Province:

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

i) Criteria and procedures for the location, designation and licensing of new pits and

quarries.

ii) Standards and policies for the regulation and rehabilitation of pits and quarries.

A2biii/R1

iii) Programs for the rehabilitation of abandoned pits and quarries and of major extractive areas.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

c) Review and consider applications for new pits and quarries in Halton. Such applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with, and in reference to, criteria, procedures, standards and policies adopted by Council.

d) Establish, if and when required, an advisory committee to assist Council with the above.

e) Seek delegation to the Region of approval powers for the licensing of pits and quarries.

A2biii/R1
A5bii/R6

3. Conserve Halton's Mineral Resources to ensure their availability for possible future extraction and development, and to this end:

a) Manage Halton's Mineral Resources in accordance with their relative importance, as follows:

i) Specialty Resources, e.g., Sandstone.

ii) Sand and Gravel.

iii) Dolomite.

iv) Queenston Shale and Clays.

v) Prime Agricultural Soils.

vi) Soils and Borrow Material.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A5bii/R6

b) Monitor and regulate, through the Region's approval process, amounts extracted annually.

c) Promote the extraction of mineral resources from areas about to be approved for permanent development, and to this end, require a development pit as a condition of approval of such development.

A2biii/R1
A5bii/R6

d) Maintain Map 4 showing the general location of lands identified, for the purpose of this Plan, as Mineral Resource Protection Areas where major deposits of Mineral Resources are known to exist.

e) Discourage land uses and activities deemed incompatible with extractive operations from locating within Mineral Resource Protection Areas. Incompatible land uses will be permitted within such areas only if it is proven, through detailed studies by the proponents of such uses, that:

i) The resources are not geologically or economically suited for extraction.

ii) Extraction would irrevocably

damage a regionally significant geologic formation, or create a regionally significant hazard.

iii) Extraction is not feasible due to the prevalence of existing surrounding incompatible land uses.

A2biii/R1

4. Protect the landscape, environment and people from adverse effects of extraction. To this end the Region will:

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

a) Ensure that all extraction and processing are conducted in such a manner as to minimize environmental pollution, consistent with standards laid down in pertinent legislation and Regional policies.

b) Ensure that water resources, both surface and ground, are protected from adverse impacts of extraction in accordance with provincial legislation and policies of the Region and the Conservation Authorities.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
B2c/D1

c) Discourage, as much as is possible, extractive operations within or adjacent to Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Where such extraction is permitted, it will be strictly regulated and the site rehabilitated so as to minimize adverse impact.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

d) Ensure that all extraction is regulated so as to minimize adverse impacts on surrounding residents, such as through the enactment of by-laws regulating truck traffic.

e) Ensure that extraction within the Niagara Escarpment is conducted in a manner consistent with its purpose, objectives, policies and plans and consider alternative techniques for mining the Escarpment including moving the face back and/or underground mining.

f) Protect from extraction selected scientific, educational, recreational and scenic geologic formations and sites throughout Halton.

A2biii/R1

g) Identify, within Mineral Resource Protection Areas, as Mineral Resource Extractive Areas, any lands covered by Pit and Quarry licences in effect as of September 1, 1978, except as otherwise limited by Milton By-law 58-76, as it then existed.

B2b

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

h) Restrict extractive operations to lands identified as Mineral Resource Extractive Areas. New pits and quarries and extensions to existing pits and quarries into areas not herein identified as Mineral Resource Extractive Areas will require amendment to the Official Plan.

i) Ensure that Regional policies, standards and criteria are duly considered in the location, regulation and rehabilitation of

wayside and development pits. Such pits shall not be restricted to Mineral Resource Extractive Areas.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
B2d

j) Review, with the Province, Area Municipalities, Conservation Authority and appropriate aggregate owners, lands covered by a licence currently approved by the Minister of Natural Resources, but not identified as Mineral Resource Extractive Area. Study Areas will be identified for this purpose and reviewed by the Region.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

k) Review extractive operations located on and/or adjacent to Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and investigate ways and means of minimizing their impact.

A2biii/R1

5. Encourage and protect Halton's Mineral Extraction Industry. To this end the Region will:

a) Seek to ensure the availability of mineral resources.

b) Establish Mineral Resource Extraction as a high priority in the Rural Area.

c) Recognize Mineral Resource Extraction as an interim land use which, through proper rehabilitation, can lead to a desirable or even improved end land use. Master rehabilitation plans will thus be encouraged to show agriculture, forestry, recreational-open space uses, as interim and/or end uses.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

d) Permit and encourage new pits and quarries in Mineral Resource Extractive Areas in conformity with Regional policies, criteria and standards.

A2biii/R1

e) Pursue with appropriate authorities, the feasibility of expanding rail transportation for aggregates in Halton.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

6. Encourage Area Municipalities to enact by-laws which:

a) Regulate the removal of topsoil.

b) Restrict land uses and activities which erode, deplete or contaminate soil and water.

c) Restrict the stripping or mining of Prime Agricultural Soils on Rural Farm Lands.

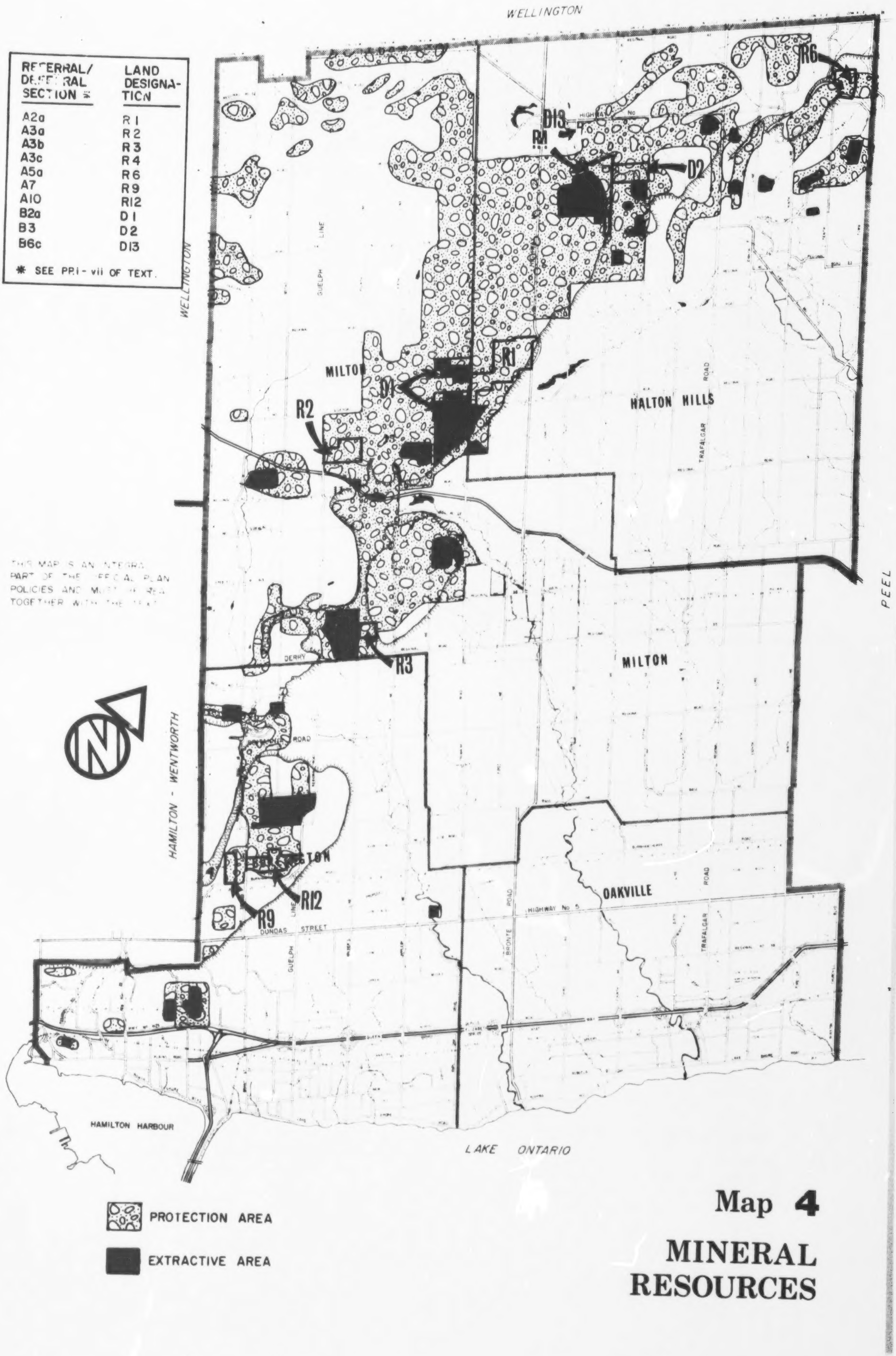
A2biii/R1

D ENERGY

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Recognize the importance of energy provision, but assist in minimizing possible impacts of utility corridors and generating facilities, and to this end:

a) Act as co-ordinator of the interests of the Area Municipalities and work in conjunction with utility bodies in the process of selecting sites and



Map 4

MINERAL RESOURCES

routes.

b) Endorse the principle of multiple-use utility corridors and secure the co-operation of agencies having authority in this matter.

c) Promote, where appropriate, the availability and use of transmission corridors as open space for recreation and as access to open space and recreational opportunities.

d) Seek participation in discussions on any energy-generating facilities which could affect the Region.

e) Recognize that pipeline rights-of-way and all existing electric power facilities and the development of any new electric power facilities, including all works as defined in the Power Corporation Act, such as transmission lines, transformer stations, and distributing stations, shall be permitted throughout the Planning Area, provided that such development satisfies the provisions of The Environmental Assessment Act, including regulations made under the act, and any other relevant statutes.

f) In recognizing rights-of-way for various utility corridors, require that local Plans include, for lands within or adjacent to these corridors, policies reflecting strong concerns for safety, environmental protection, and other policies of this Plan.

g) Urge the Province to retain all major facilities for the generation or transmission of energy under the provisions of The Environmental Assessment Act.

2. Facilitate the conservation of energy in the following ways:

a) Coordinate and determine areas in which the Region can influence energy consumption.

b) Determine, with appropriate agencies, means of assessing in terms of their energy consumption, private and public undertakings of Regional significance, and incorporate this assessment in the evaluation of development proposals.

c) Encourage all levels of government to provide major recreational opportunities within the Open Space System to discourage long distance trips for short term recreational purposes.

d) Promote compact growth.

e) Encourage the Area Municipalities to adopt energy management policies, including building design criteria, to improve the efficiency of energy use.

f) Encourage the public-at-large and private industry to participate in energy management programs.

h) Implement resource recovery techniques including the use of recycled wastes as an energy source.

i) Apply energy conservation techniques in Regional facilities and projects to set an example for the private sector.

j) Promote energy-related research projects undertaken by individuals, agencies, Area Municipalities or private industry and encourage the Federal and Provincial governments to provide funds for such projects.

E HERITAGE

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Recognize that there is a historical character to the Planning Area comprising indigenous Heritage Features.
2. Support the conservation of Heritage Features.
3. Work with the Area Municipalities, local historical groups, the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation and any other interested groups or individuals in the establishment of a list of documented Heritage Features and the setting of priorities for the conservation of heritage sites.
4. Encourage the Area Municipalities to establish Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees, and to pass by-laws, under the Ontario Heritage Act, designed to prevent the demolition or alteration of buildings and structures of historic or architectural value.
5. Investigate the creation and financial support of a Halton Region Heritage Foundation.
6. Inform, promptly, the appropriate government agencies, including the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation of development proposals that may adversely affect Provincially-defined Heritage Features.

F HAZARD LANDS

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Adopt for the purposes of this Plan Hazard Lands as shown on Map 5.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4

2. Regard, as the basis for this Plan's Hazard Lands mapping, the Ministry of Natural Resources Hazard Lands mapping and as its refinement, such established Fill and Flood Line mapping as may be approved from time to time by the appropriate Conservation Authority.
3. Require that zoning by-laws not normally permit structures in Flood Susceptible areas as determined by engineered flood lines, except some limited structures designed to be used for open space purposes, and approved in advance by the appropriate Conservation Authority.

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4. Require that zoning by-laws prohibit new construction, the expansion of existing non-conforming uses and the dumping of fill within established Fill Lines except where permission has been obtained from the appropriate Conservation Authority.

5. Consider Flood and Erosion-Prone areas, as defined by Environment Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, (Great Lakes Shore Damage Survey 1975 - Environment Canada/Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources) along the Lake Ontario shoreline as shown on Map 5, to be Regional Hazard Lands. For areas so defined the policy of the Region is to:

a) Encourage the establishment of a Shore Protection and Management Plan to be prepared in conjunction with the Halton Region Conservation Authority with the participation of the Region, the Area Municipalities, the Provincial government and the Federal government, as well as private owners of waterfront property.

b) Develop, with the appropriate agencies, an acquisition policy for lands with Flood- and/or Erosion-Prone characteristics, as part of the Shore Protection and Management Plan.

c) Promote the preparation of site-specific studies to be carried out in areas exhibiting Flood- and Erosion-Prone characteristics to facilitate an evaluation of shore management alternatives based on:

i) Land value.

ii) Ownership.

iii) Cost of protective work.

iv) Erosion and recession rates.

v) Flood probability.

vi) Environmental assessments.

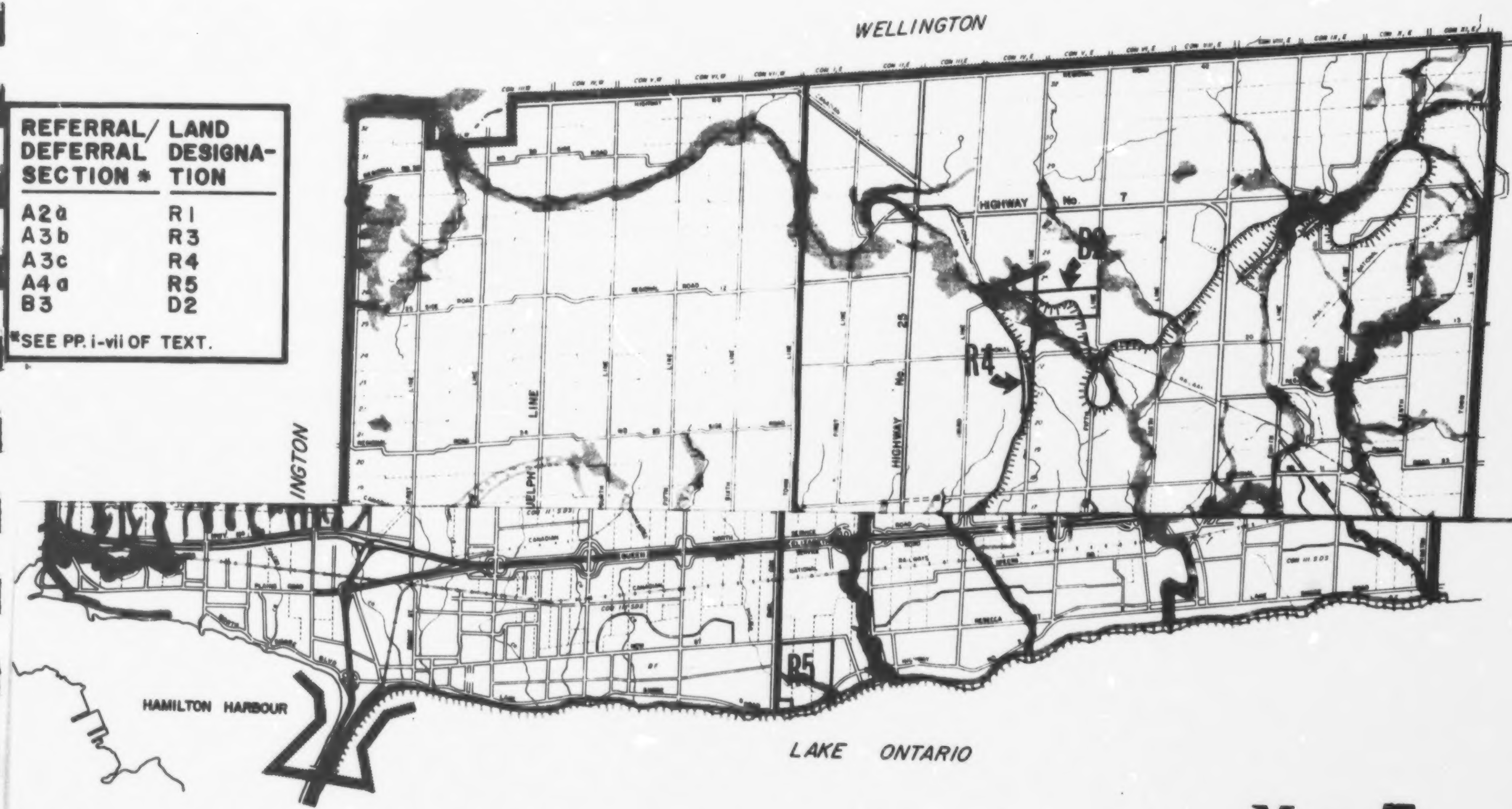
vii) Related cost-benefit.

These alternatives should include land use control, official plan policies, and land acquisition as well as conventional protective structures.

d) Until a Shore Protection and Management Plan is adopted, development applications will be processed with due regard for lakeshore hazard characteristics.

6. Require that zoning by-laws impose for structures, appropriate setbacks from Hazard Lands based on the kind, extent and severity of the existing and potential hazard.

7. Accept, notwithstanding the above policy statements Numbers 1 to 6 inclusive, that where land identified as Hazard Lands is under private ownership, this Plan does not intend that



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A3b	R3
A3c	R4
A4a	R5
B3	D2

*SEE PP. i-vii OF TEXT.

SOURCE: MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES ONTARIO LAND INVENTORY CLASSIFICATION

SOURCE: CANADA - ONTARIO GREAT LAKES SHORE DAMAGE SURVEY TECH. REPORT 1975 (EROSION / FLOOD PRONE SHORELINE

SOURCE: HALTON REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Map 5

HAZARD LANDS

A2biii/R1

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6. Require that zoning by-laws impose for structures, appropriate setbacks from Hazard Lands based on the kind, extent and severity of the existing and potential hazard.

7. Accept, notwithstanding the above policy statements Numbers 1 to 6 inclusive, that where land identified as Hazard Lands is under private ownership, this Plan does not intend that

such land necessarily remain so defined indefinitely, nor imply that it is open to the public nor imply that it will be purchased by any public agency. An application for redesignation of Hazard Lands for other purposes may be approved by the proper authorities after having considered:

a) The nature and severity of the existing physical hazards.

b) The potential impacts of these hazards.

c) The degree to which these impacts could be overcome by the application of accepted engineering and resource management techniques and practices.

8. Encourage Area Municipalities to accept, as a condition of development, the conveyance of Hazard Lands for public open space.

9. Require that Hazard Lands be shown as a separate classification in local Official Plans and, where detailed mapping is available from the appropriate Conservation Authority, on zoning by-law maps.

10. Review, together with the appropriate Provincial agencies, the Area Municipalities and the Conservation Authorities, Hazard Lands management policies, criteria, guidelines and regulations to improve their responsiveness to the Region's goals and objectives.

A2biii/R1
A4biv/R5

G ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5
A5bii/R6
B5h/D7

1. a) Restrict alteration of the physical and/or biological features of the following Environmentally Sensitive Areas (E.S.A.'s):

1. Clappison Escarpment Woods
2. Bridgeview Valley
3. Grindstone Creek Valley
4. Sassafras Woods
5. Waterdown Escarpment Woods
6. Nelson Escarpment Woods
7. Lake Medad and Medad Valley
8. Mount Nemo Escarpment Woods
9. Lowville-Bronte Creek Escarpment Valley
10. Bronte Creek Valley
11. Bronte Burloak Woods
12. Fourteen Mile Creek Valley
13. Iroquois Shoreline Woods
14. Wildflower Woods
15. Joshua Creek Valley
16. Sixteen Mile Creek Valley
17. Milton Heights
18. Crawford Lake—Rattlesnake Point Escarpment Woods
19. Calcium Pits
20. Guelph Junction Woods
21. Moffat Swamp
22. Brookville Swamp
23. Knatchbull Swamp
24. Blue Springs Swamp
25. Hilton Falls Complex
26. Blue Springs Creek Valley
27. Fairy Lake Marsh
28. Acton Swamp
29. Speyside Escarpment Woods

REFERRAL/ DEFERRAL SECTION *	LAND DESIGNATION
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B3	D2

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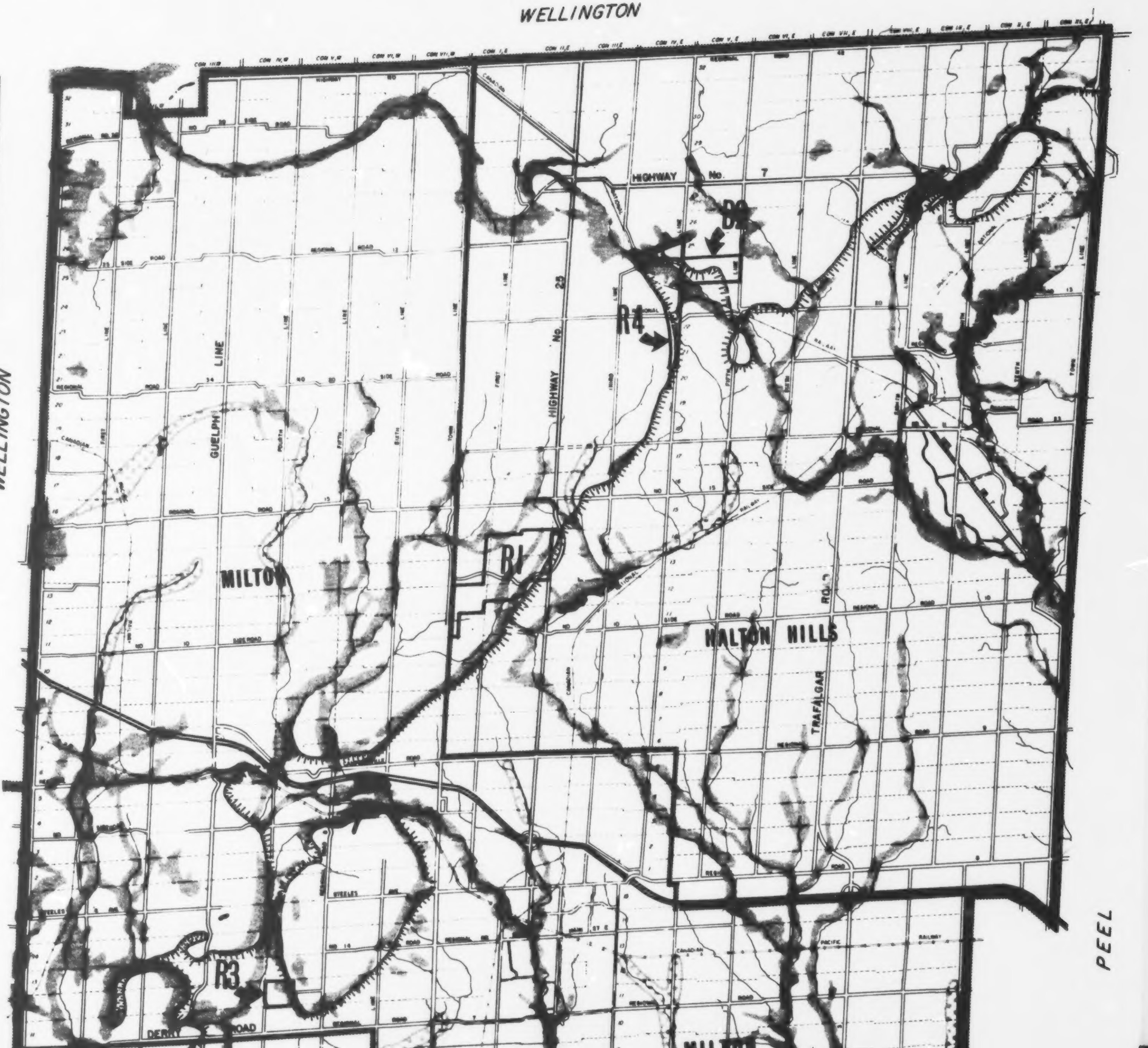

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Map 5

HAZARD LANDS

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SOURCE: CANADA - ONTARIO GREAT LAKES SHORE
DAMAGE SURVEY TECH. REPORT 1975
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SOURCE: HALTON REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

30. Waterfall Woods
31. Limehouse Cliffs & Woods
32. Silvercreek Valley
33. Ballinafad Pond
34. Snow's Creek Woods
35. Terra Cotta Woods
36. Georgetown Credit River Valley
37. Hungry Hollow Ravine
38. Ballinafad Esker.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5

b) Prepare and maintain Map 6 showing the general location of the E.S.A.'s as identified for the purpose of this Plan.

2. Require, where the physical and/or biological features of an E.S.A. may become altered, that an Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A.) be carried out by the proponent, except where specifically exempted elsewhere in this Plan.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5
A5bii/R6

3. Encourage development which may alter the physical and / or biological features of E.S.A.'s to locate outside E.S.A.'s.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5

4. Require that public works that may alter such features be subject to an E.I.A.

5. Define guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessments, with the assistance of appropriate Provincial agencies.

A2biii/R1
A4biv/R5

6. Encourage the Conservation Authorities and other appropriate public agencies to acquire all or part of E.S.A.'s as they become available. However E.S.A. identification does not imply that such area will be purchased by a public agency nor that it is open for public use.

7. Require local by-laws and encourage Conservation Authority and Provincial regulations implementing this Plan to provide controls for the protection of E.S.A.'s.

8. Require Local Official Plans to indicate E.S.A.'s on the understanding that precise boundaries will be established through E.I.A.

9. Establish means of protection where an E.S.A. is endangered by a proposed nearby change in land use.

10. Establish procedures for handling development applications which could alter the physical and / or biological features of an E.S.A. These shall include a specific requirement for conducting an E.I.A.

11. Support the Area Municipalities in defending E.S.A. policies through provision of available data and comments on E.I.A.'s.

12. Require that the alteration of any condition or land use of an E.S.A. which may affect the features for which it was identified be subject to the approval of the appropriate authority, based on site plans submitted by, and agreements entered into with, the proponent.

13. Consider entering into agreements with E.S.A. landowners to ensure protection of E.S.A.'s

14. a) Monitor and review development proposals that are subject to E.S.A. policies of this Plan or other regulations with respect to E.S.A.'s through the Halton Region Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (E.E.A.C.).

b) Encourage environmental research and the monitoring of cumulative change within E.S.A.'s.

15. Require that E.E.A.C. review E.I.A.'s provided under this Plan, and make recommendations to the appropriate body, through the Planning Committee, as part of the Development Control process.

16. Require application of these policies uniformly for all land uses excluding such structures and their use as have been approved within E.S.A.'s prior to the adoption of this Plan.

17. Ensure that the Land Division Committee reject or approve all severances where E.S.A. features may become altered, on the basis of E.E.A.C. and Regional Staff comments, with any approvals to be subject to conditions and/or agreements designed to protect the E.S.A. features. E.I.A.'s will not, however, be required for such applications.

H OPEN SPACE

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5

1. a) Establish an interconnected Open Space System comprising the following major open space features: those parts of the Waterfront Area to be so designated in the Waterfront Plan, Hazard Lands, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, the Scarp Protection Area of the Niagara Escarpment, woodlands/wetlands, and major open space holdings in public use in the Parkway Belt West.

b) Adopt Figure 7 showing the general location of the Open Space System as identified for the purpose of this Plan.

A2biii/R1
A4biv/R5

c) Conduct a continuing program of research, with the Area Municipalities, to determine requirements for region-wide open space.

2. Undertake secondary plans for areas with regional open space potential, upon request of the Area Municipalities.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5

3. Co-ordinate the efforts of Provincial and Federal Governments and the Conservation Authorities in programs related to the provision of region-wide open space.

4. Encourage the maintenance of the open space character of the lands identified in the Open Space System. This does not mean that such lands will necessarily be purchased by the Region or that public or privately-owned lands will be open to public use.

5. Require that all proposed development that might affect the Open Space System be designed so as to minimize adverse impact.

REFERRAL/ DEFERRAL SECTION *	LAND DESIGNATION
A2a	R1
A3a	R2
A3c	R4
A4a	R5
A5a	R6
B2a	D1

* See PP.i - vii OF TEXT.

THE NUMBERS ON THIS MAP ARE INTENDED TO RELATE TO THE CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF E.S.A.'S IN POLICY NO. I UNDER "G - ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS" IN PART IV " RESOURCE MANAGEMENT POLICIES".

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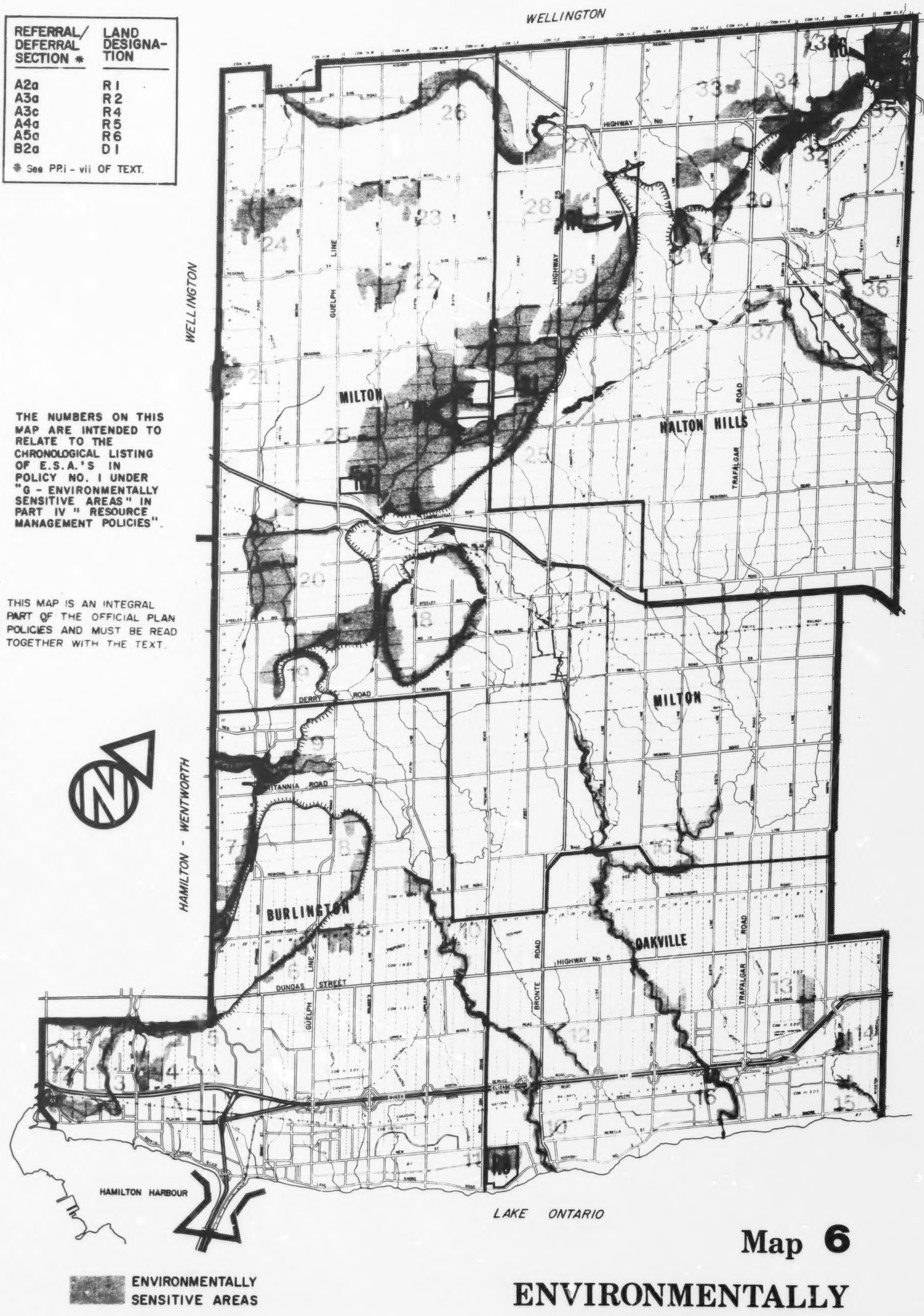

Map 6

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

6. Encourage recreational use within and adjacent to the Open Space System and consider specific proposals either public or private, on their own merits, giving due consideration to the impact on the natural environment and adjacent land uses.

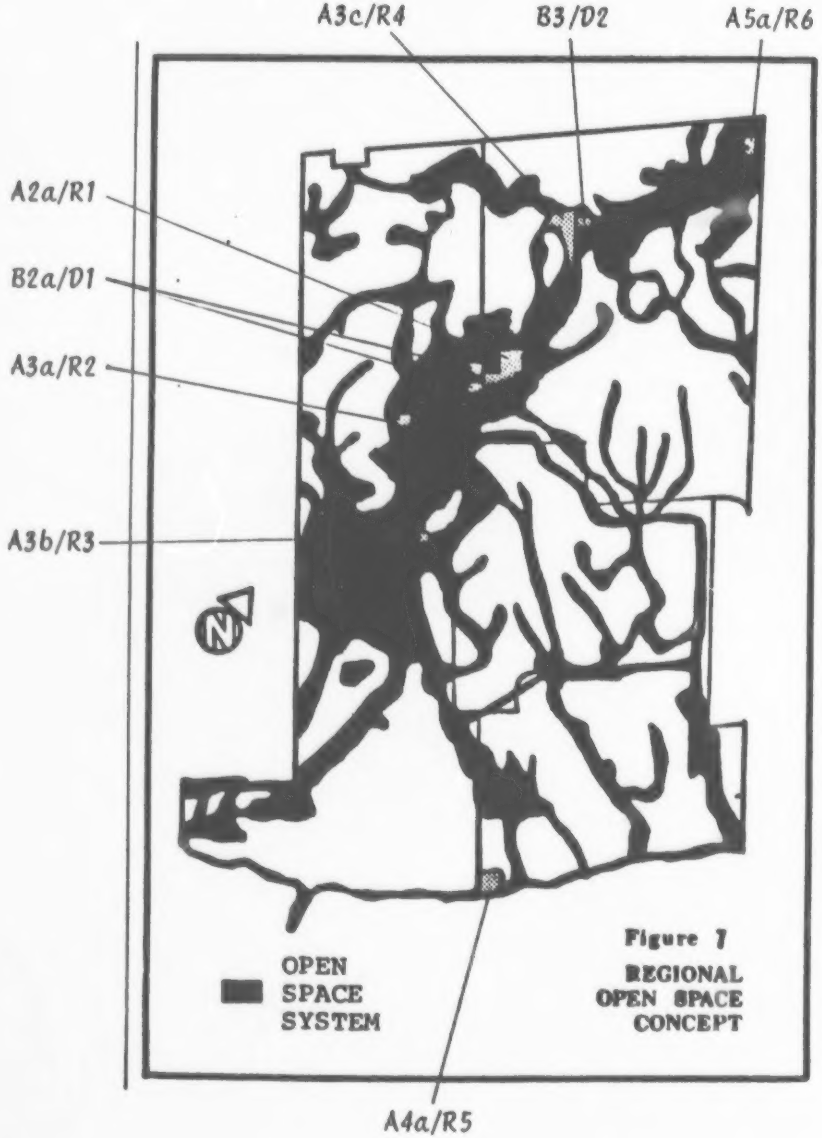

Figure 7
REGIONAL OPEN SPACE CONCEPT

7. Endorse public acquisition of open space by government agencies.

A2biii/R1
A4biv/R5

8. Encourage public use of Lake Ontario through providing access by securing shoreline lands in the development process.

9. Support the redevelopment of the Beach Strip mainly for public open space purposes on the Lake Ontario side.

A2biii/R1
A3div/R2-4
A4biv/R5

10. Recognize the value of the Niagara Escarpment and seek to preserve, maintain and enhance its overall open space function.

A2biii/R1
A4biv/R5

11. Encourage, where consistent with this Plan, the development of publicly-owned land in accordance with the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

12. Encourage acquisition, where appropriate, of public land along the tops of the banks of major valleys, after due consideration of impacts on the natural environment.

13. Seek to enhance and maintain well-defined creek valleys in their natural state for open space purposes.

14. Encourage the Area Municipalities to design development in drainage basins for control of run-off and to enact by-laws to include adequate open space in flood plains for this purpose.

15. Recognize the role of the Conservation Authorities, as well as the Area Municipalities, in the provision of recreational opportunities.

16. Seek to maintain and protect in their natural state for open space functions headwater areas as defined by the Conservation Authorities.

17. Encourage the management of suitable sections of the Open Space System, by public and private owners, to sustain and enhance wildlife populations.

18. Encourage the management of water-courses within the Open Space System, by private and public owners, to improve and sustain the quality and quantity of Halton's fishery resource.

A2biii/R1

A PURPOSE

The purpose of this Part is to outline basic steps to be taken to carry out this Plan.

B ADMINISTRATION

The Chief Administrative Officer of the Region shall be responsible to the Regional Council for investigation and recommendation of any organizational and financial requirements to implement this Plan. Such investigation shall be based on the priorities established by Council with respect to the various policies in the Plan and within the time frame stipulated by the Council for each priority.

C OFFICIAL PLANS, ZONING BY-LAWS AND RELATED MATTERS

1. Under Part IV of The Regional Municipality of Halton Act, 1973, it is mandatory that the Region produce an Official Plan co-ordinated within the framework of The Planning Act, 1970, R.S.O. Chapter 349 Part 1. It is within the provisions of The Planning Act, among others, that the Official Plan will be implemented.

2. Subsequent to the approval of the Official Plan by the Minister of Housing, the legislation requires that all Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws of the Area Municipalities will be amended forthwith to conform to the Official Plan.

3. On approval by the Province of the Official Plan, and local Plan amendments conforming hereto, subsequent amendments to local Plans will be considered for approval by Regional Council, subject to provincial delegation of this responsibility.

4. The Region will exercise its powers of approval of plans of subdivision deemed to be in conformity to the Regional and Area Municipalities' Official Plans.

5. The Region will exercise powers of approval of plans of condominium in conformity to the Regional and local Official Plans when such approval authority is delegated to the Region.

6. On proposed zoning by-law amendments the Region will comment to the Area Municipalities on matters of Regional significance.

7. The Region will monitor the decisions of the Committee of Adjustment and the Land Division Committee. In this process, Regional staff may provide technical advice and evidence with respect to conformity to and requirements of the Plan and other matters of Regional significance.

8. The Region will encourage the Province to acquire appropriate lands within the Escarpment and Parkway Belt planning areas, but accepts responsibility for otherwise ensuring implementation of these Provincial Plans when approved.

9. The Region will investigate, in conjunction with the Area Municipalities and agencies involved, means of expediting the above processes through administrative improvements.

10. The Region will encourage the Area Municipalities to consider enactment of noise control by-laws under **The Environmental Protection Act**, where unacceptable sound and vibration levels present problems in residential areas.

11. The Region will establish a general target of six months to draft approval for subdivision application which conform to the Regional and Area Municipalities' Official Plans, and require written comments from reviewing agencies within 60 days with allowances for 30 day extensions upon written request. Agencies not responding in 60 days or requesting extensions should be considered as having no objection to an application. Applicants would be notified of the status of applications within 90 days, though it should be noted that receipt of comments within this period does not necessarily ensure draft approval.

A2biii/R1
A3dv/R2-4
A4bv/R5

D CRITERIA FOR E.S.A.'S

The following criteria were used to identify the E.S.A.'s and are to be used in the determination of setbacks from E.S.A.'s and the evaluation of E.I.A.'s:

1. The Area represents a distinctive and unusual landform within Halton, Ontario or Canada.

2. The ecological function of the Area contributes significantly to the healthy maintenance of a natural system beyond its boundaries by serving as a water storage, recharge or discharge area, important wildlife migratory stopover or concentration point, or a linkage of suitable habitat between natural biological communities.

3. The plant and/or animal communities of the Area are identified as of unusually high quality within Halton, Ontario or Canada.

4. The Area is a habitat with limited representation in Halton, Ontario or Canada, or a small remnant of particular habitats which have virtually disappeared within Halton.

5. The Area has an unusually high diversity of biological communities and associated plants and animals, due to a variety of geomorphological features, soils, water, sunlight and associated vegetation and microclimatic effects.

6. The Area provides habitat for rare or endangered species that are endangered Regionally, Provincially or Nationally.

7. The Area is large, affording a habitat for species that require extensive blocks of suitable habitat.

8. The location of the Area, combined with

its natural features, make it particularly suitable for scientific research and conservation education purposes.

9. The combination of landforms and habitats is identified as having high aesthetic value in the context of the surrounding landscape.

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E ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The Region is guided in a general sense, by the provisions of The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975, related to its requirements for assessments.

Where an E.I.A. is required under the policies of this Plan, specific guidelines for the E.I.A. will be developed by Regional Staff, the Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee and the appropriate Provincial agencies. Such guidelines will contain, but may not be limited to the following conditions, which the proponent of a development shall satisfy:

a) A description of the proposal including its purpose and the ownership of adjacent lands.

b) A description of the existing land use regulations affecting the proposal and adjacent lands (e.g., zoning, Official Plans).

c) A description and a statement of the rationale and intent of the proposal.

d) A technical description of the areas potentially affected by the proposal to include:

i) A biophysical inventory and description of both terrestrial and aquatic communities.

ii) Inventories of existing man-made features and archaeological potential.

iii) A statement of the value of the affected areas based on the above.

e) A technical assessment of the effect(s) of the proposal on the affected areas.

f) A description of alternative ways to protect the functions and the values of the affected areas.

g) A bibliography and/or list of information sources used.

h) Recommendations.

i) Summary.

E.I.A.'s, where required under the Plan, will form part of the background information considered in the evaluation of development proposals.

Senior government agencies will be encouraged to conform to the proposals of this Plan and its implementation guidelines with respect to E.I.A.'s.

E.I.A., as provided for under the Plan, differs from environmental assessment under

The Environmental Assessment Act in three main respects:

a) Assessment under the Act applies to undertakings defined by the Act, while E.I.A. in this Plan applies to specific areas and situations defined herein.

b) The E.I.A. is to form part of the general development process in Halton, while the impact statements prepared under the Act are reviewed by a special body, the Environmental Assessment Board, established for that purpose.

c) The E.I.A. is concerned with areas of regional significance, while that of the Province involves issues of wider concern.

Where an undertaking satisfies the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act including regulations made under the Act, then the undertaking will be considered as fulfilling the E.I.A. requirement of this plan.

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F FISCAL MEASURES

The Region's direct investment in the development and improvement of public facilities and services will entail substantial sums of money and the pattern of these expenditures is a critical element in any overall strategy to attain Regional goals, objectives and policies.

1. These expenditures will take several forms:

a) Current funds to effect and support actions and initiatives set out in this Plan.

b) Regional contributions to special purpose bodies.

c) Capital funds for projects of the Area Municipalities which, if they are to be raised by borrowing are the responsibility of the Region.

d) Capital funds for the Region's own projects, and whose sources are either: (i) direct payment from tax revenue, grants, subsidies or contributions, or (ii) capital borrowing.

2. In its use of fiscal tools to implement this Plan the Region makes the assumption that decisions will be better if:

a) What is to be achieved is made explicit.

b) Information is available as to how resources are being distributed among objectives.

c) The effectiveness of current programs and projects are evaluated.

d) Alternative ways of achieving an

objective are considered and analysed.

3. Consequently, the Region will:

a) Base priorities for expenditures on the policies of this Plan.

b) Ensure that the phasing and staging of development is in accordance with the policies of this Plan.

c) Undertake an annual process of forecasting development and the expenditures necessary for supporting services.

d) Encourage the Area Municipalities to co-ordinate Public Works and related expenditures with those for which the Region is directly responsible.

e) Undertake, in the preparation of capital and operating budgets a process of:

i) Specifying the objectives and policies of this Plan pertaining to each program or project.

ii) Including an analysis of priorities among the objectives and policies stated above.

iii) Outlining the statutory functions to be performed and / or the levels of service to be delivered.

iv) Relating existing programs and projects and evaluating each to determine the degree of objective achievement.

v) Developing program and project options.

vi) Identifying programs, projects and associated operating costs to be implemented in the budget.

vii) Forecasting costs and revenues for each program and for each year of the budget.

f) Require all Regional departments and agencies and encourage special purpose bodies and private agencies to follow the format of the budget processes outlined above.

G THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

This Plan has identified a number of functions which are consistent with provincial objectives but which the legislation does not empower the Region to perform adequately, and will therefore petition for the necessary changes and improvements.

The Region will continue to pursue delegation of Development Control Authority for the rural parts of the Planning Area.

The Region has further identified elements of provincial policy which it feels should be changed in the interests of this Region. These initiatives are noted in statements of encouragement elsewhere in

this Plan.

The Region also views this Plan, and its periodic review and amendments, as its mechanism for advising the Province and other agencies of Halton's priorities in matters of regional land use and service installation.

Halton supports and will participate in an inter-regional forum or agency designed to ensure the co-ordination of Provincial and Regional policies.

H PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This Plan was prepared with substantive input from the public in Halton. Citizens, either individually or collectively in special interest groups, gave time and attention to the plan-making process especially in the setting of goals and objectives, in choosing among alternative development concepts, and commenting on the draft of the Plan.

The Region is committed to the principle that plan-making and policy-implementation must take into account and accurately reflect the needs and aspirations of Halton residents. The Region also believes that public consultation is not a single exercise, but rather a process of continuing dialogue between the public and their political representatives.

The Region has established the following major objectives:

a) To provide an effective public information and communication system to increase the public's knowledge of Regional affairs and Regional services.

b) To continue providing opportunities for public consultation in Regional decision-making.

In addition to the statutory requirements for public consultation under The Regional Municipality of Halton Act, The Planning Act, The Environmental Assessment Act, The Municipal Act and related legislation, it is the policy of this Region to:

a) Hold all regular meetings of Standing Committees and Regional Council open to the public, unless Council, by resolution, determines otherwise.

b) Provide that meetings of Regional advisory committees be open to the public and be held, where possible, during the evenings.

c) Maintain citizen representation on advisory committees as required.

d) Provide agendas of all Regional meetings, on reasonable request.

e) Make available to the public, in accordance with statutory obligations, official studies, documents and reports concerning the policies and programs of the Region.

f) Establish from time to time such advisory committees as Council deems

necessary to undertake the implementation of the Plan.

g) Investigate ways and means of developing a comprehensive information program that may include the publication of Regional newsletters, assign responsibilites for public affairs, public meetings and the use of the news media.

1. AGRICULTURE (or agricultural industry) means an industry consisting of the production, manufacturing, processing, distribution and marketing of food, fibre and their by-products.

2. ARTERIAL ROAD means a road primarily for through traffic, usually on a continuous route.

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3. BONA FIDE FARMER means a person who owns and whose principal occupation is the operation of a commercial farm in Halton.

4. BORROW MATERIAL means undifferentiated mineral resources, of little economic value, which have been extracted, transported and deposited for fill purposes.

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5. COMMERCIAL FARM means a farm which is deemed to be a viable farm operation and which normally produces sufficient income to support a farm family.

6. CONSERVATION AUTHORITY means the Halton Region Conservation Authority or the Credit Valley Conservation Authority or the Grand River Conservation Authority.

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7. DEVELOPMENT PIT means a temporary pit where granular resources are extracted just prior to, or as a condition of, approval of development, which would eliminate the possibility of any future mineral resource extraction.

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8. ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS means land or water areas (or combination of both) containing natural features or ecological functions of such significance as to warrant their protection in the best long term interests of the people and environment of Halton.

For the purpose of this Plan, Environmentally Sensitive Areas are those areas whose location is shown on Map 6 and described in policy 1 (a) in Part IV G, Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

9. EQUIVALENT POPULATION means a figure expressing the capacities of water and sewer services, in terms of residential population.

10. EROSION-PRONE AREA means a shoreland area, normally located above the lake level, subject to a net loss calculated over a specified time period.

11. FARM DWELLING means a dwelling on Farm Lands used as the primary residence of an active, or retired farmer, or a full time farm employee.

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11a. FARM LANDS means, for the purposes of this Plan, only those lands which are evaluated as having a potential for farming due either to their containing Prime Ag-

ricultural Soils, or to their accommodating, or having accommodated, well-established farm uses.

12. **FARMING** means the activity of growing food, fibre and their by-products.

13. **FILL LINE** means a line delineating that area of a watershed which is subject to the "dumping of fill" regulations of the appropriate Conservation Authority.

14. **FLOOD-PRONE AREA** means a shoreland area normally located above the lake level, which is subject to periodic submergence.

15. **FLOOD-SUSCEPTIBLE AREA** means an area of land delineated by the appropriate Conservation Authority on its flood-plain mapping as being within the flood plain of a water course.

16. **FOREST** means woodlands as defined by The Woodlands Improvement Act, covering a ground area of 10 hectares or more.

16a. FORESTRY means the wise use and management of the forest for its intrinsic value for forest fibre, wildlife habitat, water conservation, recreation and aesthetics.

17. **GOAL** means an idealized end state of the social, economic, and/or physical environment, towards which the Plan must strive but for which it may not be possible to apply a test of fulfilment.

18. **HALTON** means the Halton Planning Area, and/or its people.

19. **HAMLET** means a location so identified on the map, "The Regional Concept."

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20. HAZARD LANDS means lands which because of their physical characteristics in combination with their location, sustain a risk for the occupants to loss of life, property damage, and social disruption, if developed. For the purposes of this Plan, Hazard Lands are those areas whose location is shown on Map 5 and described in policies in Part IV F, Hazard Lands.

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21. **HERITAGE FEATURE** means a feature of the Regional landscape which, by itself, or together with its associated environment, is unique or representative of past human activities or events. Such feature may include a site or area of archaeological or historical value and it may include a building or structure of architectural and/or historical importance.

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22. **INFILLING** means, when used in the Rural Area, locating a residential dwelling between existing residences which are no greater than 100 metres apart, on the same side of the road.

23. **LOCAL** means the functions, concerns

or instruments of the 'Area Municipalities.

24. MINERAL RESOURCES means those naturally occurring inorganic elements and compounds which form, and are located in, the ground area of Halton.

25. NON-RESIDENTIAL UNIT means any Rural Area structure which is not a dwelling or accessory thereto, and which is not associated with a farm.

26. OBJECTIVE means a statement about the social, economic, and / or physical environment derived from a goal and for which the degree of attainment is in some way measurable (may be conceived as an "attainable goal" or part of a goal).

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27. OPEN SPACE means land which serves but is not limited to one or more of the following functions: enhancement and provision of recreational opportunities, creation or re-introduction of green spaces in urban areas, assistance in giving structure to urban form, conservation and protection of natural ecosystems, hydrogeological systems, and environmentally sensitive areas, and protection of individuals from environmental hazard.

28. PIT means a site where sand or gravel or other unconsolidated materials are extracted.

29. POLICY means a statement which guides the use of the municipality's powers in the pursuit of its goals and objectives.

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30. PRIME AGRICULTURAL SOILS means those lands of agricultural soils classes 1,2,3, and 4 (and combination equivalents thereof), as defined in the Canada Land Inventory of Soil Capability for Agriculture.

31. QUARRY means a site where clays, shales, limestone (dolomite) and / or other bedrock materials are extracted.

32. REGION means the Council and administration of The Regional Municipality of Halton.

33. RURAL CLUSTER means an area occupied by:

i) Six or more active residential units.

ii) Two or more active non-residential units.

iii) Buildings spaced so as to give an appearance of compactness exceeding that of ordinary farmstead spacing. The outer boundary of a Rural Cluster from its focal point, shall be determined by the lesser of either (a) a distance of 600 meters or (b) the occurrence of a non-farm unit, having a space between it and the next non-farm unit, of

more than 150 meters.

iv) The servicing is by means of private sewage systems and wells.

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34. **RURAL ESTATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT** means a development of not more than 20 single family residential units in the Rural Area, which do not necessarily have any focus other than the homes themselves.

35. **TREESCAPE** means a linear grouping of trees usually found along roads and stream courses, and between fields.

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36. **WATERFRONT AREA** means the (approximately) 27 kilometres (17 miles) of Halton's Lake Ontario shoreline as well as its shoreline within Hamilton Harbour. It is deemed to extend approximately .4 kilometre inland and includes a water area extending about 4.8 kilometres off-shore, excluding the water area in Hamilton Harbour. Where particular functions or features are of particular importance to future development of the Waterfront Area, land areas extending more than .4 kilometre inland are considered to be part of the Waterfront Area.

37. **WAYSIDE PIT** means a site where granular resources are extracted for government road building purposes.

38. **WOODLOT** means woodlands as defined by The Woodlands Improvement Act, covering a ground area of less than 10 hectares but not less than 1 hectare.

1. SOCIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals:

1. To enhance the quality and availability of human services, within the limits of available resources.

2. To eliminate duplication and achieve cost-effectiveness in the delivery of human services.

Objective:

1. To develop a human services plan, including:

   a) An information system on human resource programmes and services.
   b) Processes, using existing resources, to monitor and evaluate the delivery of human services.
   c) An approach to health services focussed on preventive community medicine while maintaining present levels of treatment services to individuals.
   d) A broadening of community mental health services.
   e) The provision, for those receiving general assistance, of adequate levels of institutional and social services to supplement income security programs.
   f) The provision of increased opportunities for cultural enrichment and leisure-related community services and facilities.
   g) The identification and satisfaction of special educational needs.
   h) The increased provision of facilities and services to specific income and special needs groups with regulations specifying minimum regional standards of services to be delivered.
   i) The provision of adequate levels of care and nursing services for those with special needs.
   j) The provision for maximum accessibility to emergency services for all parts of Halton.

2. SOCIAL AND HEALTH POLICIES

THE POLICY OF THE REGION IS TO:

1. Recognize the need for Advisory Committees to assist Regional and Provincial authorities regarding Health and Social Services in Halton.

2. Require that such Advisory Committees provide technical and policy advice on matters of social and health services, generally, and specifically devise and establish guidelines for the evaluation of the effectiveness of service delivery systems; define areas of need or deficiencies in human services; recommend funding priorities for human services; recommend guidelines for social impact assessments; and undertake other matters as determined by the Council.

3. Require all Regional service delivery agencies to evaluate their program

effectiveness in terms of the guidelines to be established under policy 2 and encourage other health and social agencies to undertake same.

4. Consider as a priority the integration of health and social services.

5. Direct that the Advisory Committees establish liaison with any agencies and other levels of government responsible for the planning of social, educational and health care systems.

6. Require periodic evaluations of the performance and functions of the Advisory Committees.

7. Require, where necessary, that social impact assessments be undertaken for public and private development proposals, determined by the Regional Planning Department as having potentially significant social effects on Halton's inhabitants.

8. Encourage and foster citizen participation in all aspects of physical and social development, both at the policy formulation stage and the service delivery level.

9. Encourage the use of volunteers (including service beneficiaries) and coordination of their efforts with the work of professional personnel.

10. Encourage the development of a regionwide community services information system using local information services.

11. Encourage, assist and where appropriate, undertake in conjunction with health and social agencies, the development and regular maintenance of a health needs survey of Halton residents.

12. Encourage the establishment of community health care facilities near local hospitals, and incorporating a wide range of common professional skills and diagnostic facilities.

13. In cooperation with the local dental and medical societies and the community hospitals, encourage physicians and dentists to locate in Halton.

14. Encourage and support the efforts of the Ministry of Health and local medical research facilities in the development of better ways to provide health care.

15. Encourage the expansion of programs of public information and education concerned with personal health care and prevention of disease.

16. Encourage and support the medical profession, the Ministry of Health and community hospitals in their programs for physicians, nurses, social workers and support personnel in the gerontology and geriatric fields.

17. Encourage and support the establish-

ment and expansion of private and public ambulatory care centres in Halton.

18. Encourage community hospitals and other health and social service agencies in their efforts to improve and coordinate the assessment, placement, referral and follow-up service for long-term care groups.

19. Encourage and support community based programmes such as home care, meals-on-wheels, V.O.N. etc., in order to enable long term care patients to maintain independence and remain at home as long as possible.

20. Encourage the extended role of nurses and nurse practitioners in the care of the mentally and chronically ill in the provision of home care, family counselling on preventive health measures (both mental and physical), and in the abatement of safety hazards and self-imposed risks.

21. Encourage the provision of educational, vocational and personal counselling services needed by people seeking to return to the work force or by people who are troubled, to improve their participation in Halton's social and economic life.

22. Encourage and support programs for increasing the skills of those dealing with mental health.

23. Encourage and support programs designed to prevent the physical, emotional and sexual abuse of children though the co-ordination of health, educational, law enforcement, social services personnel and concerned citizens; and further encourage the provision of comprehensive services to children who have been subject to abuse.

24. Encourage and support programs geared toward helping individuals to attain independence through employment. Such programs may include for example: on the job training programs, job placement services, retraining or upgrading courses, employment services for the physically or developmentally handicapped, etc.

25. Encourage Area Municipalities to ensure that opportunities exist for all people to participate in and have access to a variety of leisure, spiritual and cultural enrichment activities.

26. Encourage voluntary organizations and citizens to organize, implement and administer cultural and recreation programs for their local neighbourhoods and communities.

27. Encourage appropriate education, health and social agencies to implement programs for the early identification of handicapping conditions in pre-school age children.

28. Encourage the Provincial Government, the School Boards and other appropriate

health and social agencies to design and implement early-stimulation programs for pre-school-age children having limited language and perceptual development skills.

29. Encourage appropriate education, health and social agencies to assess and assist students having problems in learning situations.

30. Monitor the provision of specialized and subsidized housing in terms of design and location in order to discourage social isolation.

31. Encourage the development of group homes which will foster the social integration of emotionally, mentally, physically, and / or socially handicapped youths or adults into the life of the community.

32. Provide, in conjunction with Area Municipalities and appropriate agencies, for an adequate range and level of services and facilities to enable the elderly and disabled to lead satisfying, productive lives.

33. Provide child care services sufficient in quality and number to meet the needs of Halton's residents.

34. Coordinate and assess, with other agencies, emergency health, ambulance, fire, police and social services.

35. Encourage and support appropriate agencies in their efforts to develop multi-disciplinary centres with crisis teams to deal with immediate problems.

36. Continue to press for full community access to and encourage use of present outdoor and indoor recreation facilities and schools.

37. Encourage the use of all public buildings and schools by non-profit groups and individuals in the community to provide a service which adds to the cultural, recreational and social quality of life.

38. Ensure in the future that provision be made for the easy access of physically disabled persons to and within all public buildings and onto sidewalks.

3. SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Specifically, for purposes of this Plan, where policies establish the need for social impact assessments, such assessments will be undertaken in terms of the guidelines developed by the Council on the advice of such Committee or Committees as may be established for that purpose.

Additionally, it is Regional policy that for undertakings in Halton, proclaimed under **The Environmental Assessment Act** requiring social impact assessments, the Province of Ontario is encouraged to use the regional guidelines as developed by Council.